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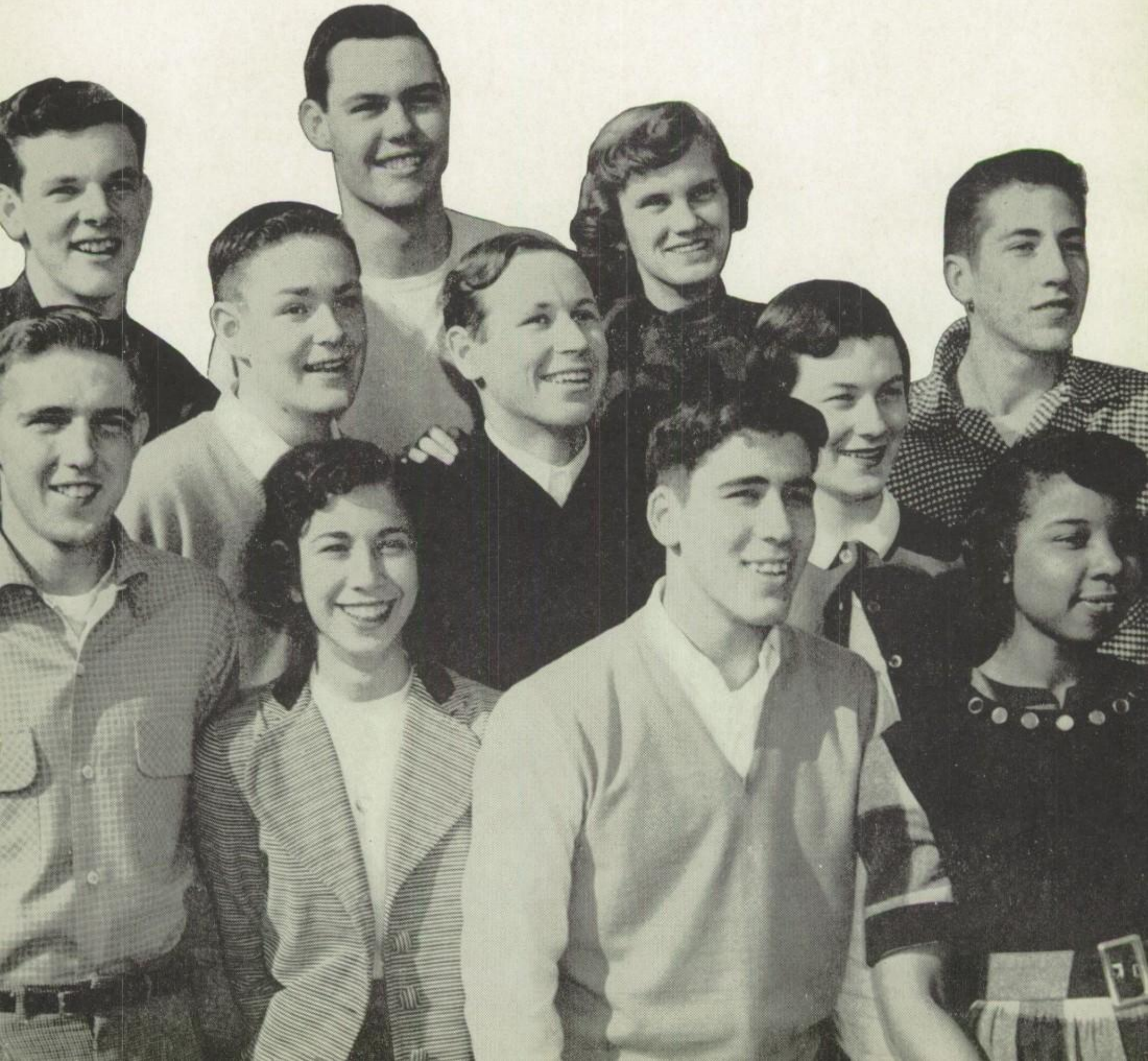

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THE LUCKIEST KIDS IN THE WORLD

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HIGH SCHOOL
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THE KIDS ARE THE LUCKIEST IN THE WORLD.....

BECAUSE THEY

LIVE IN AMERICA

LUCKY . . . because their health and happiness are the greatest in all the world.

LUCKY . . . because they have the Bill of Rights, the most priceless of all possessions.

LUCKY . . . because of an everlasting democracy, inherited from their forefathers.

LUCKY . . . because they live in a leading nation with an abundance of natural resources.

LUCKY . . . because they may attend any Church and do not fear to worship God.

THE KIDS ARE THE
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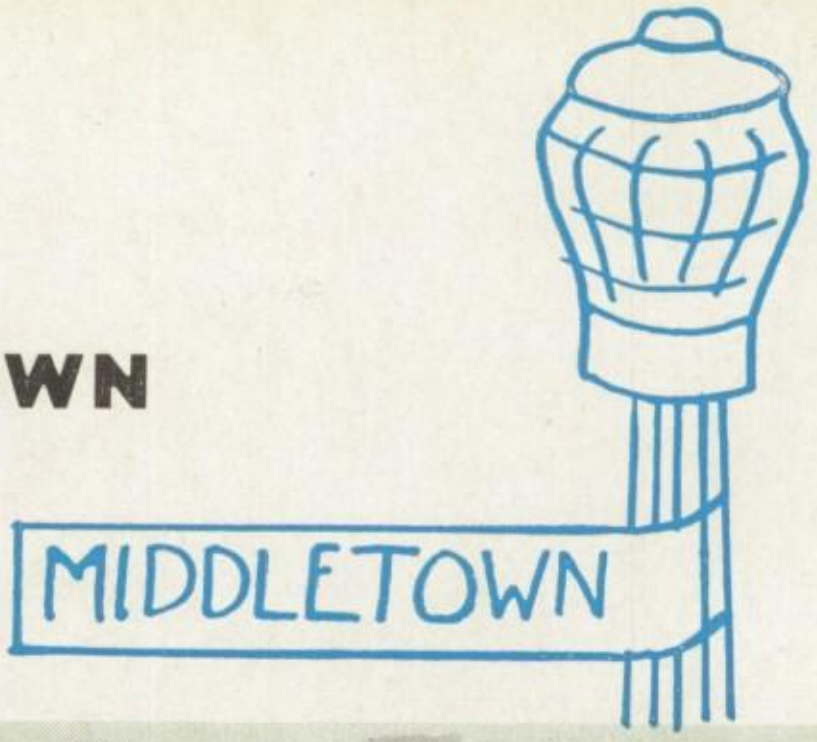


THE CITY WITH A SOUL

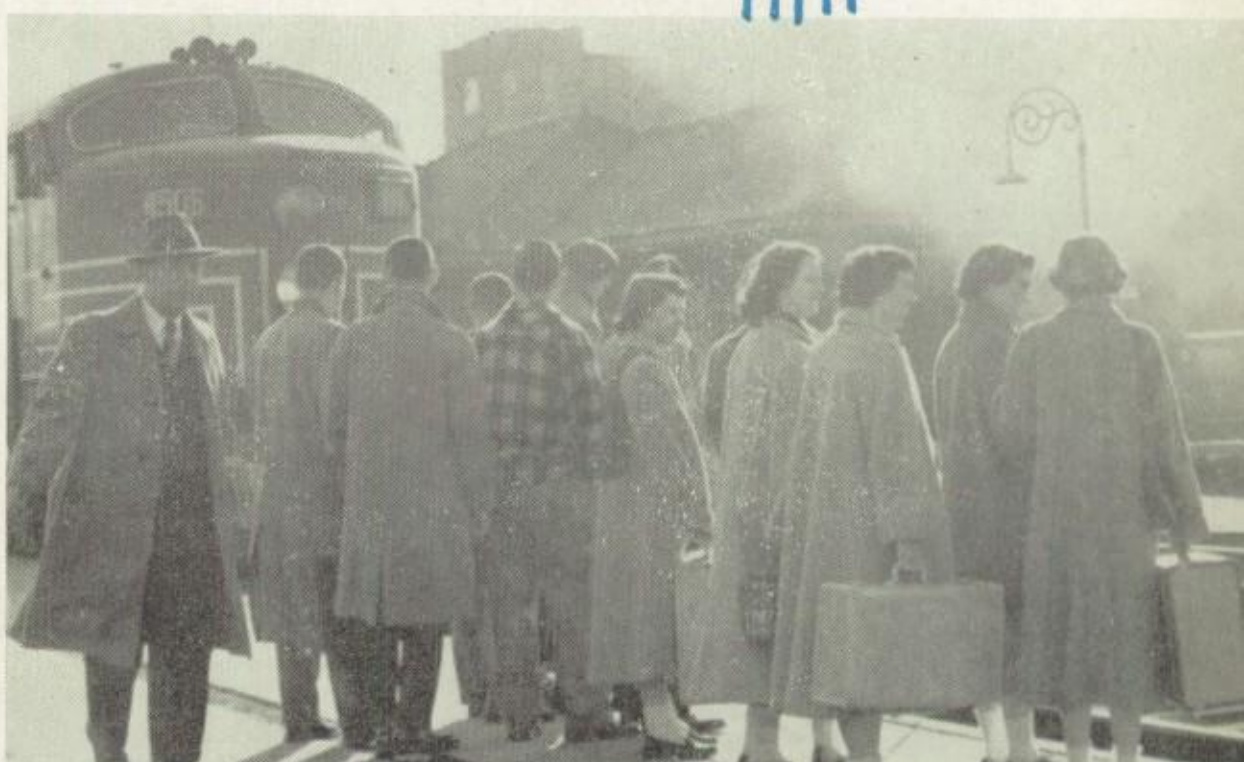
whose citizens are

enthusiastic

interested

and friendly

boosters of activities



THE KIDS ARE THE LUCKIEST IN THE WORLD.....

BECAUSE THEY

Where they have . . .

Middie Magic

State Champs in . . .

Basketball

Tennis

Debate

Music

Friendly Faculty

High-ranking Scholars

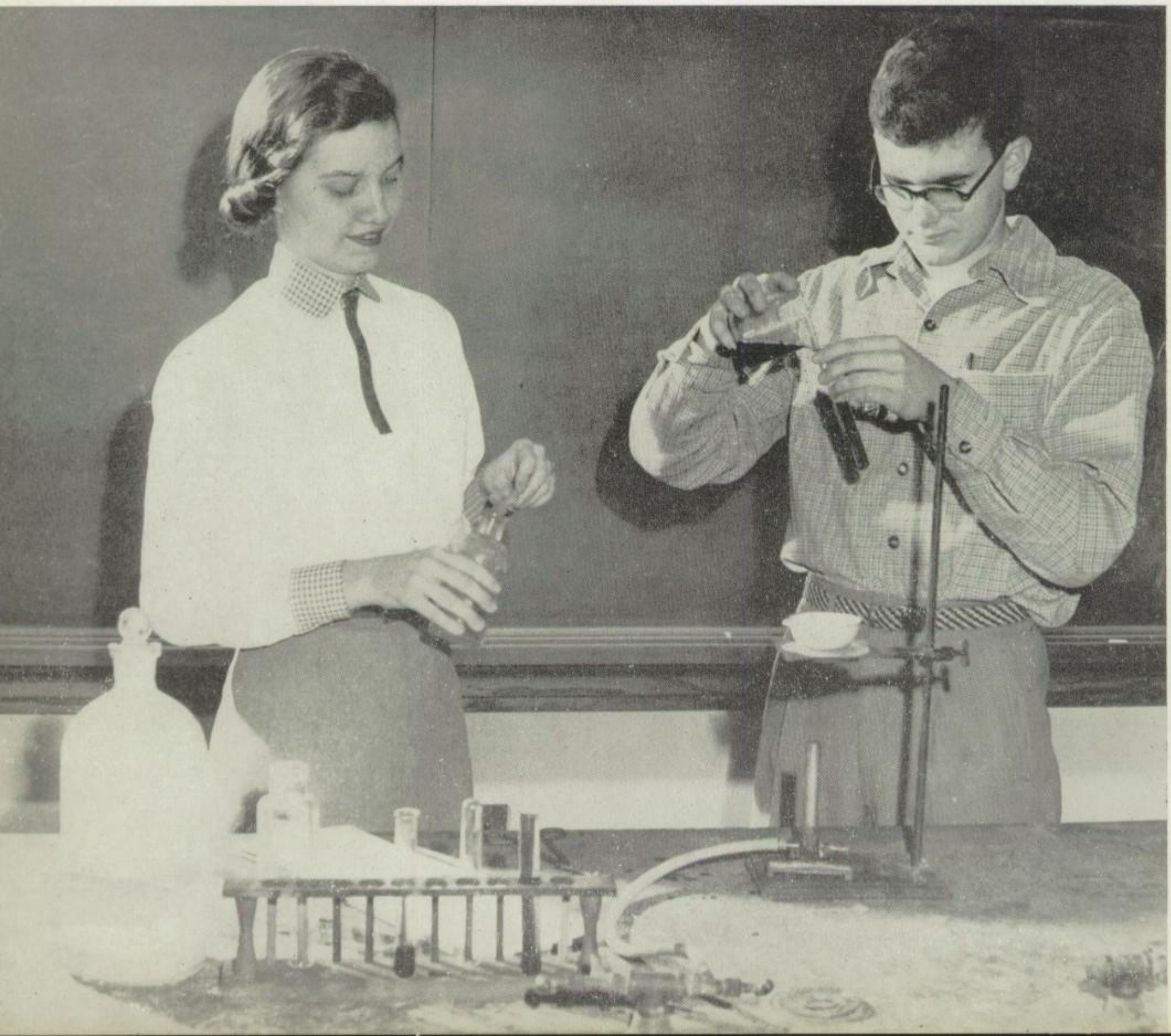
GO TO MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

THE KIDS ARE THE LUCKIEST IN THE WORLD.....

BECAUSE OF FINE

Modern facilities are found in our . . .

science labs
new visual education room
art department
gymnasium
library
classrooms



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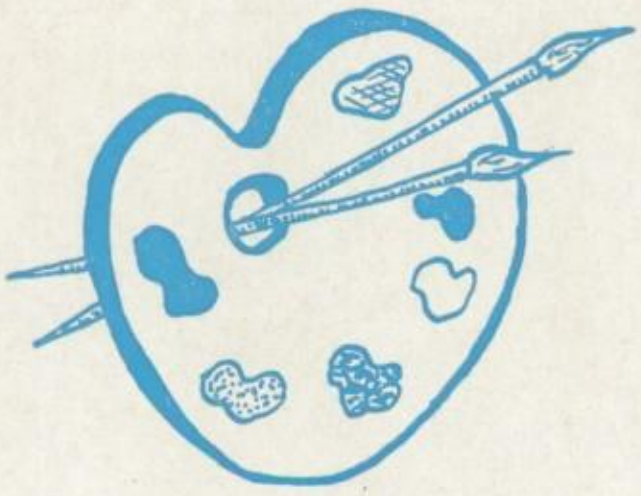

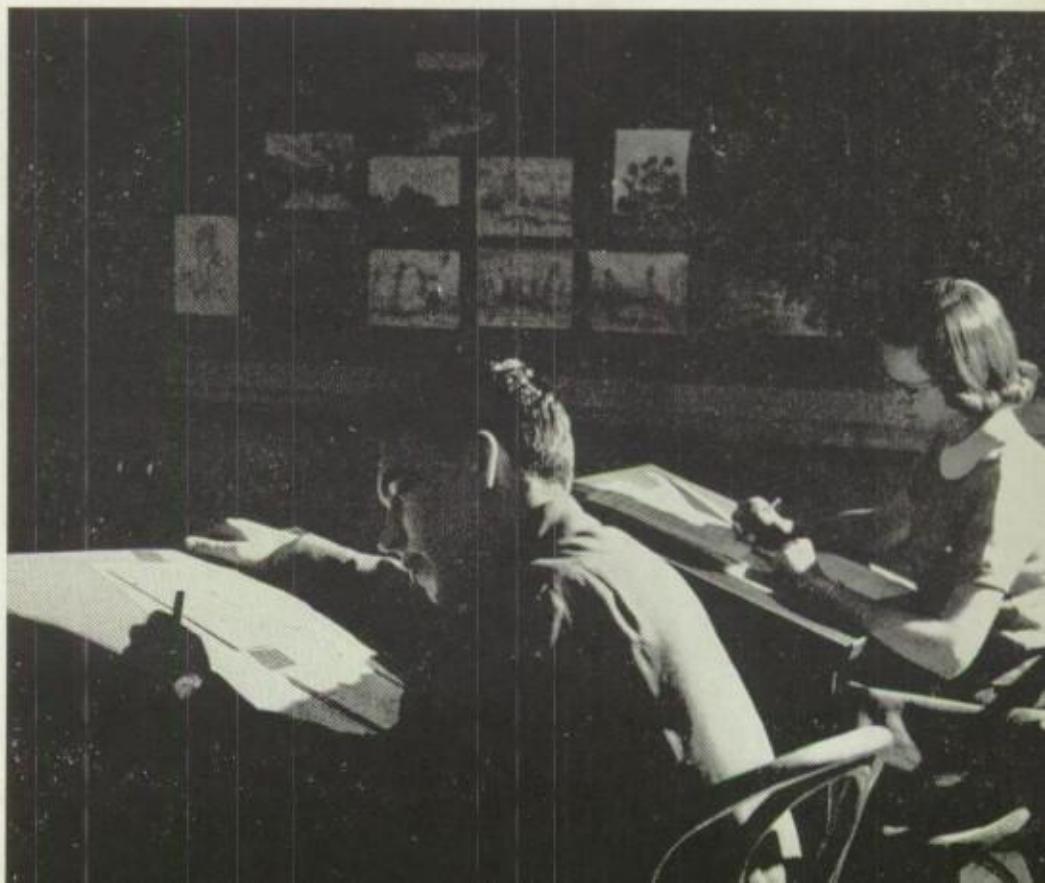

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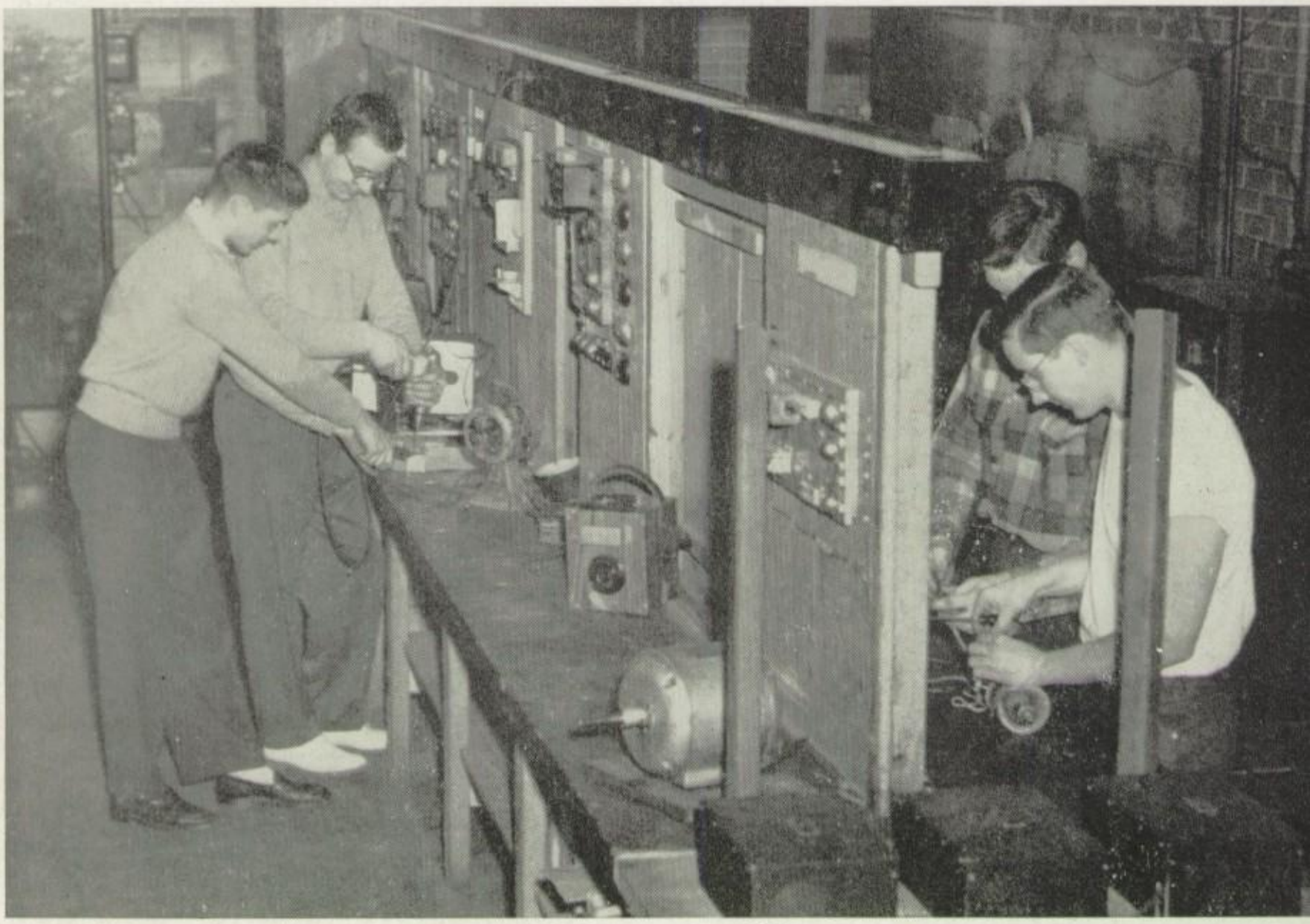
BECAUSE THEY CAN

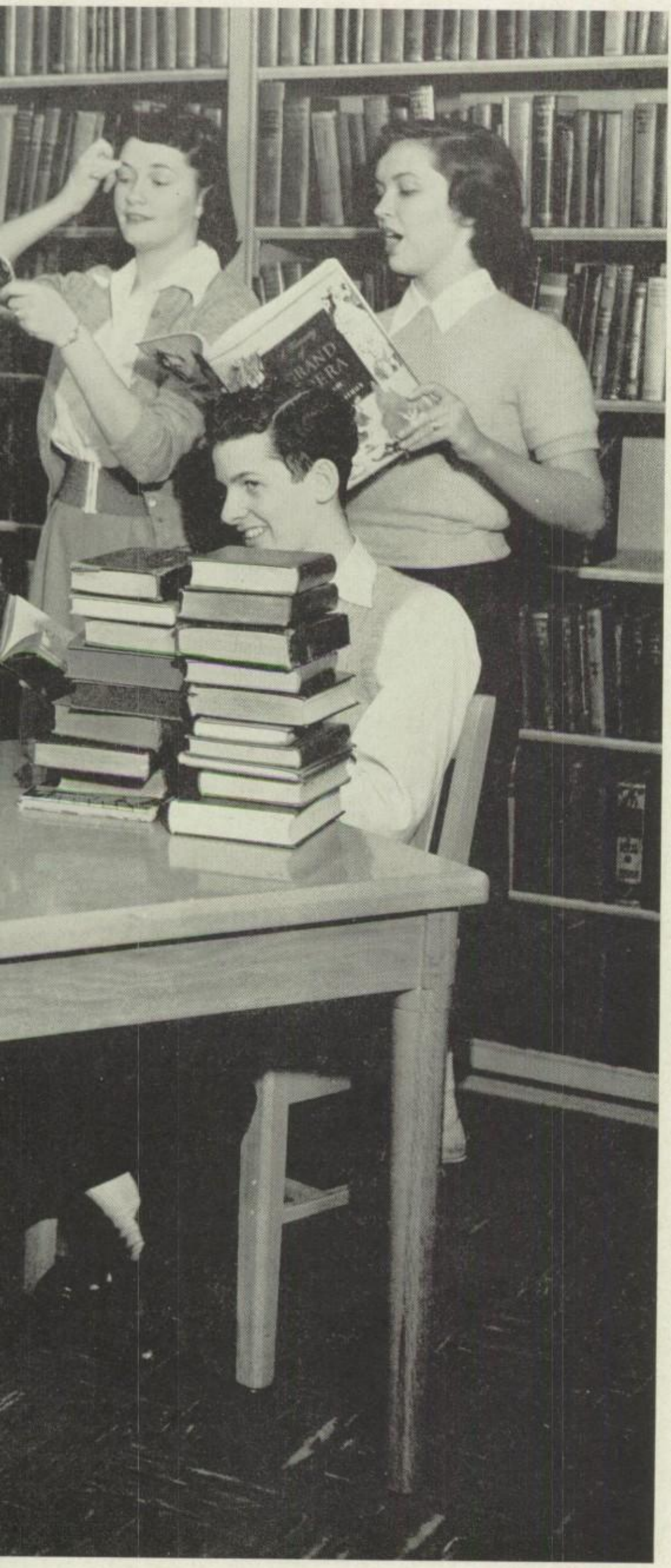


Modern equipment trains them to be . . .

dieticians
interior decorators
type setters
electricians
draftsmen
carpenters

FIND AND DEVELOP THEIR OWN SKILLS

DEAMOUS



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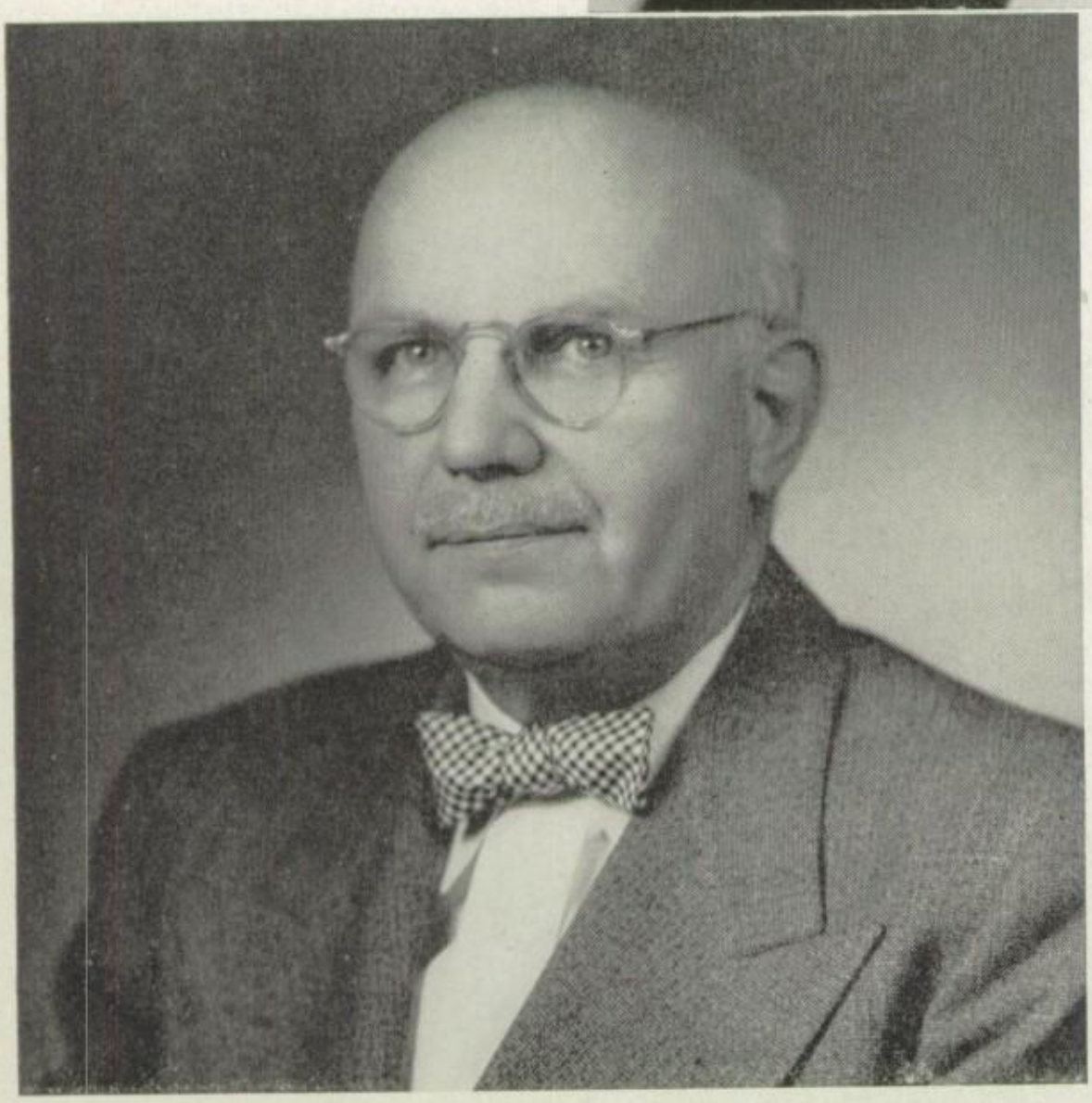

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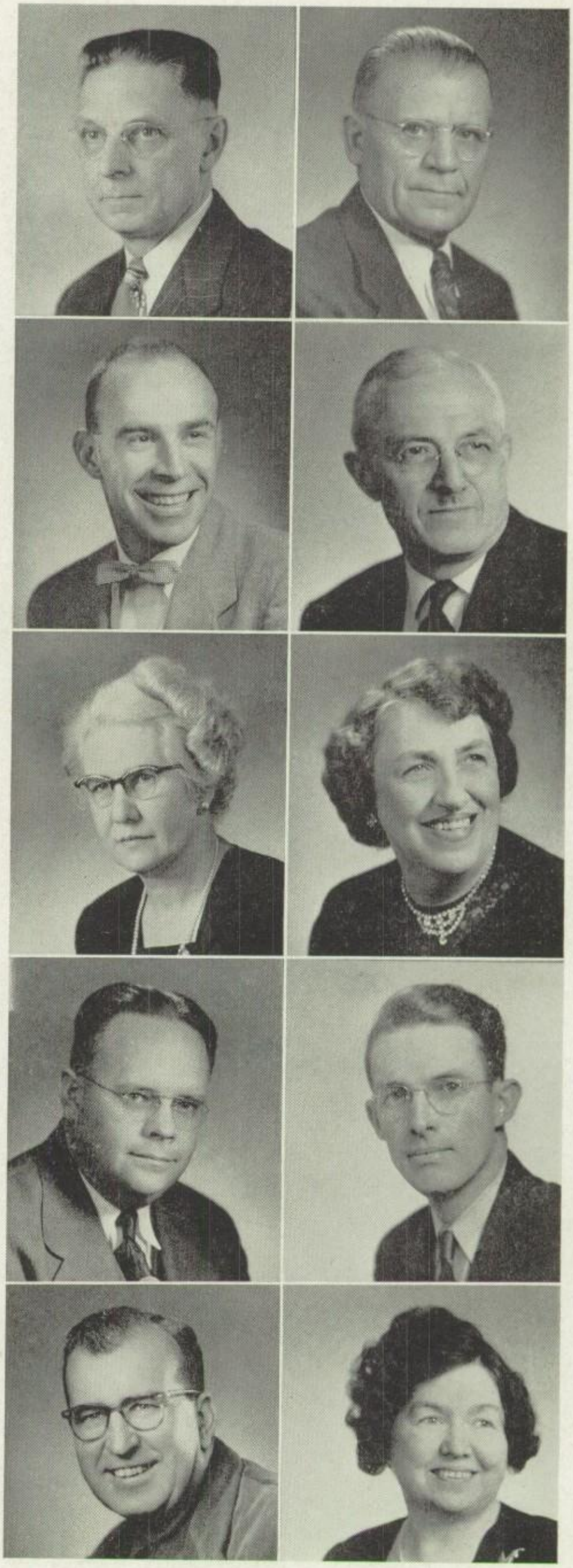

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IN MEMORIAM

MISS GERTRUDE PRICE

1891 - 1952

Although the hand of a merciful Father took her from this physical life on November 23, 1952, Miss Gertrude Price will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Her spirit of fairness, keen sense of humor, enduring patience, cheerful personality, and high Christian ideals will remain immortal in the lives of all who were privileged to call her "Teacher."

"Whose life an inspiration;
Whose memory a benediction."

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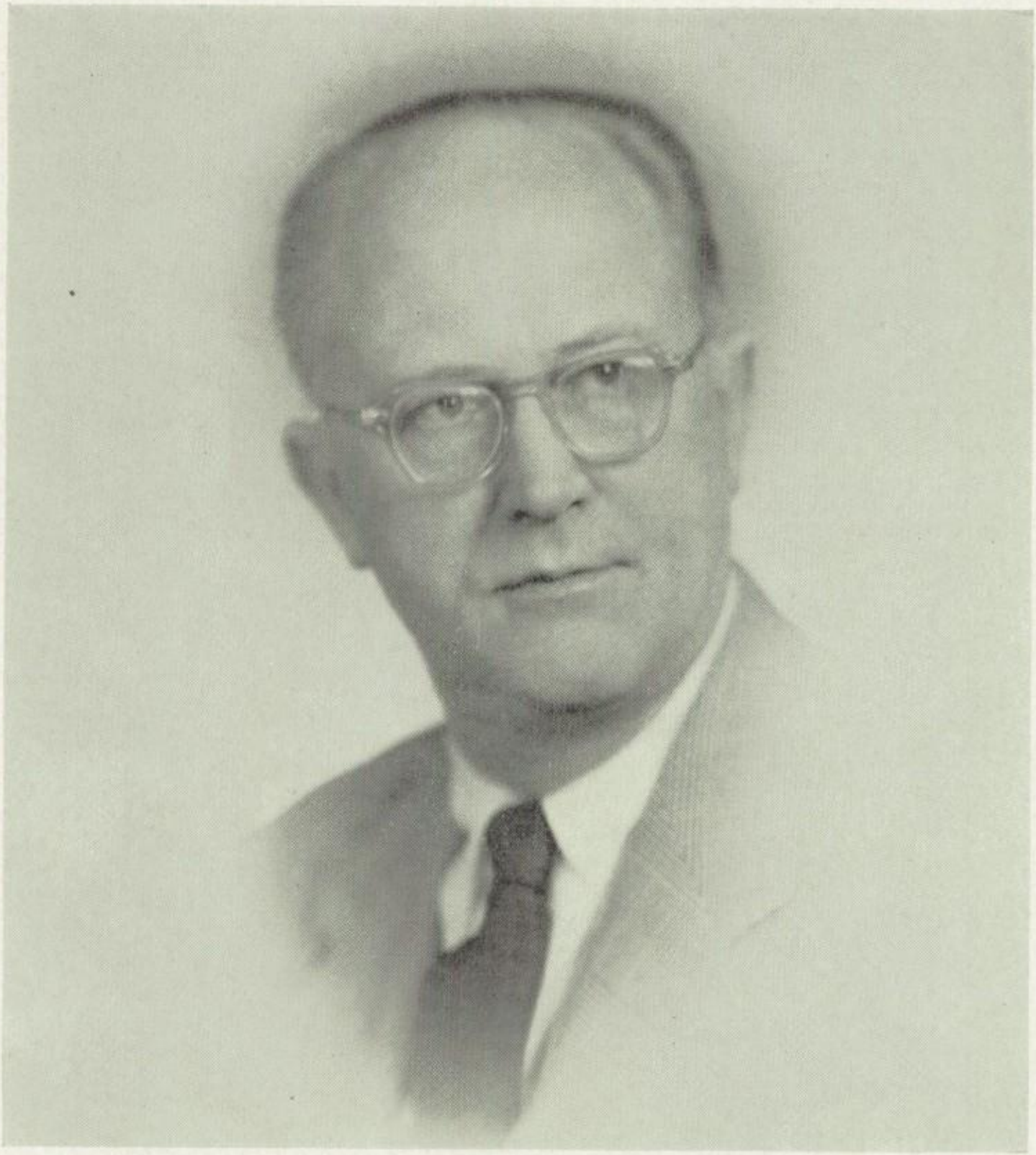


JOHN A. INGWERSEN

1898 - 1952

Mr. John A. Ingwersen, member of the Middletown Board of Education, passed from this life to eternity on December 5, 1952. The shock of his death was felt in the circles in which he was known as a great industrialist and civic leader. He gave his best to the advancement of education in our city. We can pay no greater tribute than to record the memorial that he has erected in the hearts of his fellowmen.

IN MEMORIAM

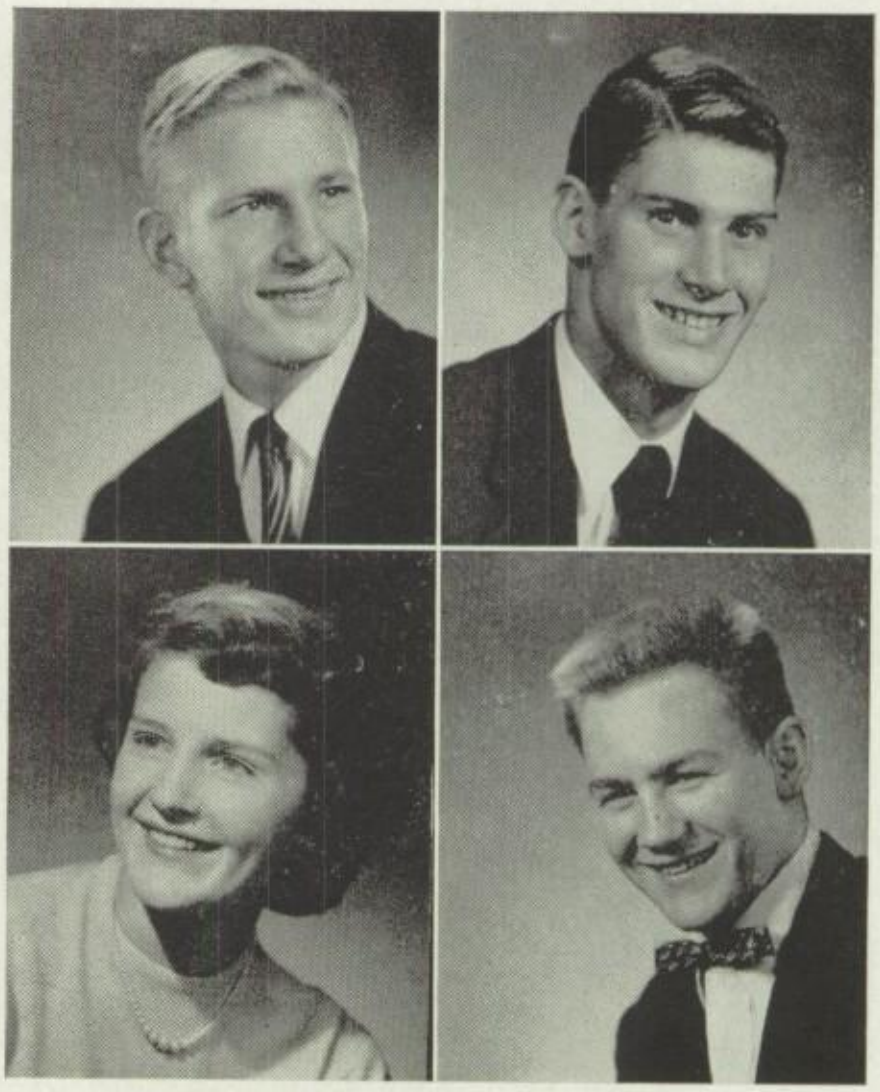
ALBERT E. RAMMEL

1898 - 1953

Teachers and students of Middletown High School who knew Mr. Albert E. Rammel best loved him for his quiet determination, his great integrity, his fine sense of cooperation, his deep concern for youth. When he quit his earthly life on January 25, 1953, he left a multitude of friends, upon whose lives he had had a great influence, and who will never forget him.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



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Baseball, Basketball, Boys' State, Football, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Junior Class President, M Club, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Track.

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Basketball, Football, Hi-Y, Junior Class Vice President, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Prom Committee, Track.

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Cheerleader, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Class Secretary, National Honor Society, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

TALT KENDRICK, *Treasurer*

Boys' State, Debate, Football, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Forensic League, "New Moon," Optimist, Student Council, Track, Youth Forum.

September first, and lucky us,

The summer ends—"we bite the dust"!

The year unfolds; the clubs begin,

And suddenly October's in!

SENIORS

BOB ABNER
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Mixed Chorus.

BOB ADAMS
Basketball, Intramurals, M Club, Track.

KAY ADAMS
G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," "New Moon," Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League.

NORMA AGNOR
Business Cadet Club.

JACK ALDERTON
D.E.C.A., Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

CHARLES ALLEN
Band, Dunham Dramatic Club, Intramurals.

RONALD ANDERSON
Intramurals, V.I.C.

CHARLES ARNOLD
Football, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

AIDA ARONOFF
Broadcasting, Debate, G.A.A., "Harvey," "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Forensic League, National Thespians, Optimist, Quill and Scroll, Youth Forum.

Homecoming night we win the game

JUNE BABER

JANET BACH
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JIM BAILEY
D.E.C.A., "June Mad."

NORMA JEAN BAILEY
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AMANDA LOUISE BAKER
Dunham Dramatic Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BETTY BAKER

SENIORS

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CUBA BARKER
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LOWELL BARNHART
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SUZANNE BISHOP
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DORSIE BLANKENSHIP
Boys' State, Football, M Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Track, Tumbling Team.

And crown a queen—Louise, by name.

PHYLLIS BLEVINS
D.E.C.A., G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League.

HERMAN BLOCK
Football, Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, "New Moon," Optimist, Track, Youth Forum.

DICK BOEHM
Baseball, Basketball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club.

WANDA FAYE BOWMAN

ORLA E. BRATTON
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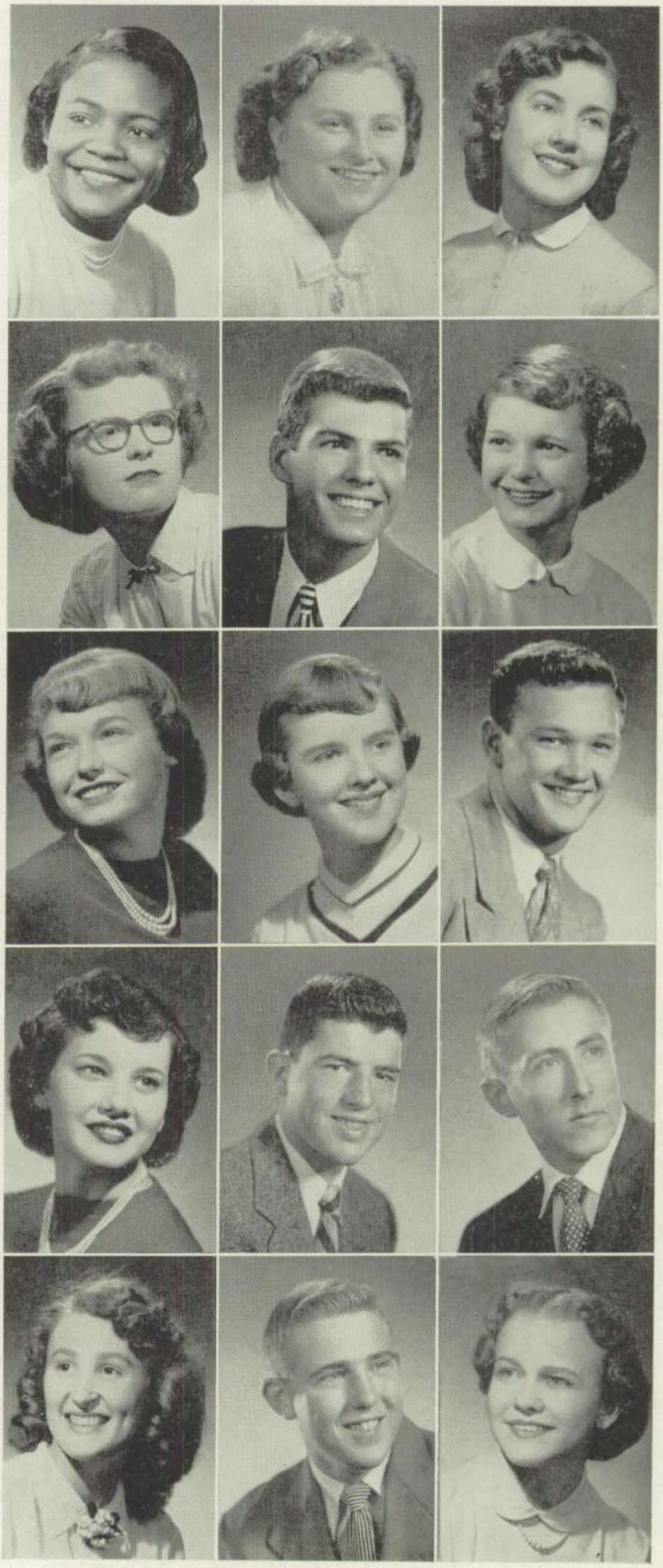

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Intramurals.

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BONNIE MAE BURTON
G.A.A., Mixed Chorus.

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Our seniors open drama nights

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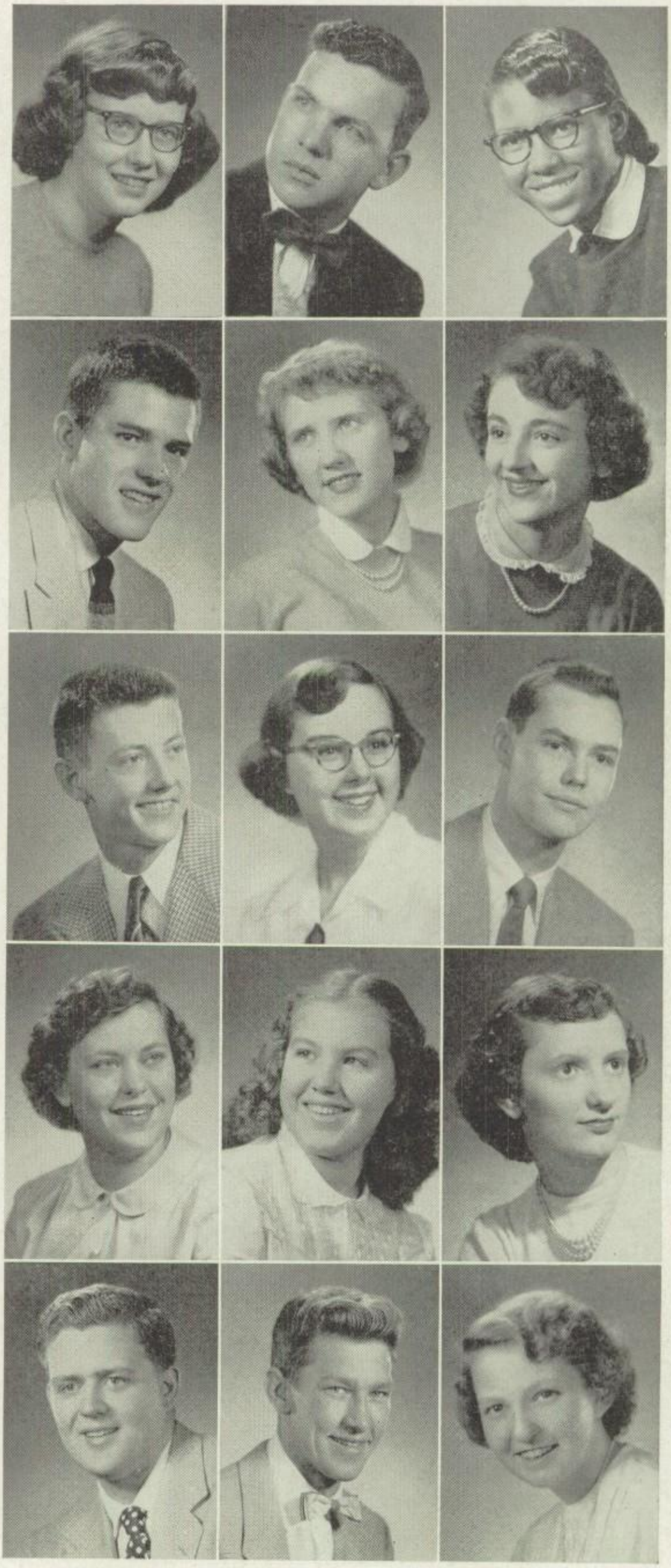

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Broadcasting, "Harvey," Intramurals, Junior Achievement, National Thespians.

THOMAS GREEN
Band, D.E.C.A., Football, Hi-Y, Junior Achievement, Tumbling Team.

FRANCES MARIE GROSS
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League.

BARBARA JOANNE HACKNEY

DON EUGENE HALL
Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

A brand new gym is opened wide;

LOUISE HALL
G.A.A., Glee Club, "Harvey," Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Prom Committee, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Triple Trio, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

WILMA DIANA HALL
G.A.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," Middletonian, National Thespians, "New Moon," Nightingale Club, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JEAN HAMBLETON
G.A.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

TOM HANLEY
Baseball, Basketball, Hi-Y, M Club.

TOM HARMON
Boys' State, Football, Intramurals, Track.

LIDDY ANN HARPRING
G.A.A., "Harvey," Junior Literary Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

SENIORS

SIDNEY HATFIELD
Baseball, Basketball, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals.

DOROTHY HATTON
G.A.A., Glee Club.

VEDA L. HAVEN
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A.

CHARLES H. HAWKINS
Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Junior Classical League.

MARJORIE HAWKINS
F.T.A., G.A.A., "Harvey," Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," National Forensic League, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

REBECCA HAWKINS

DAN M. HAYES
Basketball Manager, Golf, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, Junior Class Treasurer, Junior Homeroom Representative, M Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Prom Committee, Quill and Scroll.

LOIS EDITH HELSINGER
G.A.A., "June Mad," Junior Classical League, Middletonian, Optimist, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Sophomore Homeroom Representative, Student Council, Tennis, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

LORETTA CAROL HELTON
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

The Middie champs soon hit their stride.

JOANNA HERSHNER
Cheerleader, G.A.A., Glee Club, "Harvey," "Junior Miss," Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Thespians, "New Moon," Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

WILLIAM HILZ
Boys' State, Broadcasting, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, "Junior Miss," M Club, National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Sophomore Homeroom Representative, Student Council, Swimming Team.

HARVEY
"Harvey," Track.

WILLIAM S. HOGG
Baseball, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Orchestra.

PATTY HOLLENBAUGH
Glee Club.

PATRICIA A. HOLLON
Band, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Homeroom Representative, Middletonian, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet, Youth Forum.

SENIORS

MIKE HOOVER
Football, Track.

YVONNE F. HORNE
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, "New Moon," Nightingale Club.

ERNEST HOWARD
Intramurals.

JOHN HOWARD
Intramurals.

LA VONNE HOWARD
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A.

INEZ JEAN HUFF
Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Y-Teens.

RICHARD L. HUNTER
Hi-Y, Intramurals.

JOHN A. HURSTON
Dunham Dramatic Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Forensic League, National Thespians, "New Moon," Youth Forum.

BARBARA JOAN IGO
G.A.A., Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

For sixteen days we're fancy free,

ELIZABETH ANN JACK
G.A.A., Nightingale Club, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

DUANE S. JACKSON
Intramurals.

CORA BELLE JOHNSON
Nightingale Club.

PAUL V. JOHNSON
Baseball, Basketball, Boys' State, Football, Hi-Y, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Track.

BUDDY JONES
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Prom Committee, Swimming Team, Track, Youth Forum.

DONALD JONES
Intramurals.

SENIORS

LESLIE JONES

Hi-Y, Intramurals.

RICHARD A. JONES

Boys' State, Debate, Junior Classical League, "Junior Miss," National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Senior Homeroom Representative.

EDWARD G. KALBAUGH

Intramurals.

KATHLEEN KELLER

F.T.A., G.A.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Prom Committee, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

HELEN MAY KELLEY

EDDIE KENDALL

Intramurals.

JULIAN KINDRED

Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Tennis, Track Manager.

CAROLYN KING

Business Cadet Club, Glee Club.

JAMES KING

Basketball, Hi-Y, Intramurals.

As Yuletime days fill hearts with glee.

LACY R. KING

Basketball, Boys' State, Football, Intramurals, M Club, Track, Tumbling Team.

J. RICHARD KINSWORTHY

JOANN KORN

G.A.A., Glee Club.

JOHN KRAMER

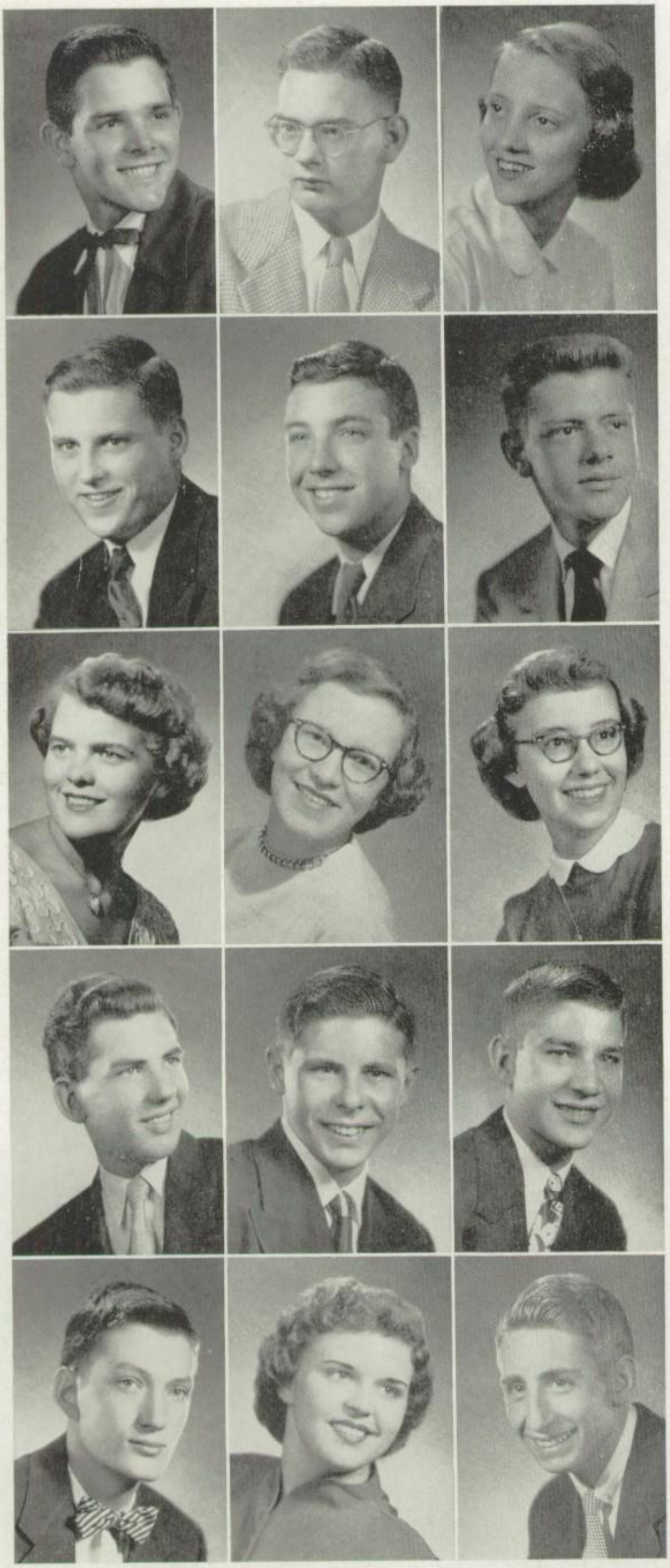
D.E.C.A., Intramurals.

JOAN LANIER

Business Cadet Club, G.A.A.

PAULINE LeFORCE

Band, G.A.A., Glee Club, National Thespians, Y-Teens.



SENIORS

RICHARD D. LeFORCE
Football, "Junior Miss," Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," Student Council, Track.

DAVE LEMMONS

DONNA JEAN LESTER
G.A.A., Glee Club, "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Middletonian, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

DICK LIST
D.E.C.A., Football, Football Manager, Track.

RONALD LITTLE

ROBERT J. LIVZEY
Baseball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Optimist, Senior Homeroom Representative.

JOYCE ARLENE LOOP
Band, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League.

JEAN CATHERINE LYONS
G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

CAROL JEAN MAIER
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens.

Then Paradise in M.H.S.

ROBERT MANGOLD
Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

DON MASON
Boys' State, Football Manager, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Track Manager.

CAROLL MATHIS
D.E.C.A., Junior Achievement.

DONALD MAY
Intramurals.

BETTY CATHERINE MAYS
Business Cadet Club, Glee Club, Junior Achievement, "New Moon."

CLARENCE M. McATEE

SENIORS

PATRICIA ANN McCANDLESS
F.T.A., G.A.A., Girls' State, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Honor Society, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Prom Committee, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

PATRICIA ANNE McCONAUGHEY
D.E.C.A., Glee Club, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

TOM McDONALD
Band, Broadcasting, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, "Junior Miss," National Forensic League, National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Orchestra, Science Club, Sophomore Homeroom Representative, Senior Homeroom Representative.

BOB McFEETER
Intramurals, Track.

BARBARA JOAN McFEETERS
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BEVERLY JANE McFEETERS
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JOHN McGEE
Hi-Y, Junior Achievement.

JAMES McGLOTHEN
Football, Intramurals.

WILLIAM CARL McGUIRE
Basketball, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Track.

We find this year is exam-less!

EDDIE RUTHE McKELLER
Dunham Dramatic Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

PATRICIA ANN McQUINN
G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus.

MARY MEEKS
Cheerleader, G.A.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," National Forensic League, National Thespians, Sophomore Girls' League.

LORETA SUE MILLER
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club.

NANCY JANE MILLER
G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, "New Moon," Nightingale Club, Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

SHIRLEY LOUISE MITCHELL
Glee Club.

SENIORS

MARY KATHERINE MOORE
Glee Club, Mixed Chorus.

RUTH EILEEN MOORMAN
F.T.A., G.A.A., Girls' State, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Honor Society, Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

JUDY ANN MORGAN
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

DONALD R. MURPHY
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Swimming Team.

JAMES EDWARD MYNHIER
Boys' State, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, "Junior Miss," M Club, Optimist, Prom Committee, Track.

JAMES PHILLIP NAUDIN
Intramurals, V.I.C.

STEPHEN EARL NEAL
Baseball, Basketball, Intramurals.

BETTY JOYCE NEWKIRK
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," "New Moon," Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

PATTI NIXON
F.T.A., G.A.A., "June Mad," Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

At Eastertime with faces pale,

WAYNE E. NORRIS
Band, Baseball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Youth Forum.

THEODORE F. OLT, JR.
Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Optimist, Swimming Team, Youth Forum.

GLORIA OSVATH

JOYCE PARR
Band, Band Council, Debate, G.A.A., Girls' State, Glee Club, "Harvey," Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

BEVERLY ANN PATE
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," "New Moon," Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

EVELYN PATE
Dunham Dramatic Club, Nightingale Club.

SENIORS

ANNA LOU PATRICK
Glee Club, Junior Literary Club.

RUTHIE PAUGH

EDWARD E. PAYNE
Baseball, Basketball, Football, Hi-Y, M Club, Optimist, Track.

BILL PELFREY
Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

RALPH PHIBBS
Basketball, Football, M Club, Track.

BETTY PHILLIPS
Dunham Dramatic Club, F.T.A., G.A.A., Glee Club, "Mlle Modiste," Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JAMES A. POLLEYS
D.E.C.A., Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Track.

DOTTYE POTTER
G.A.A., "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JULIA PRINGLE
Dunham Dramatic Club, G.A.A., Nightingale Club.

From Washington the seniors sail!

GERALD LAWRENCE RAGLAND
Boys' State, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Science Club, Youth Forum.

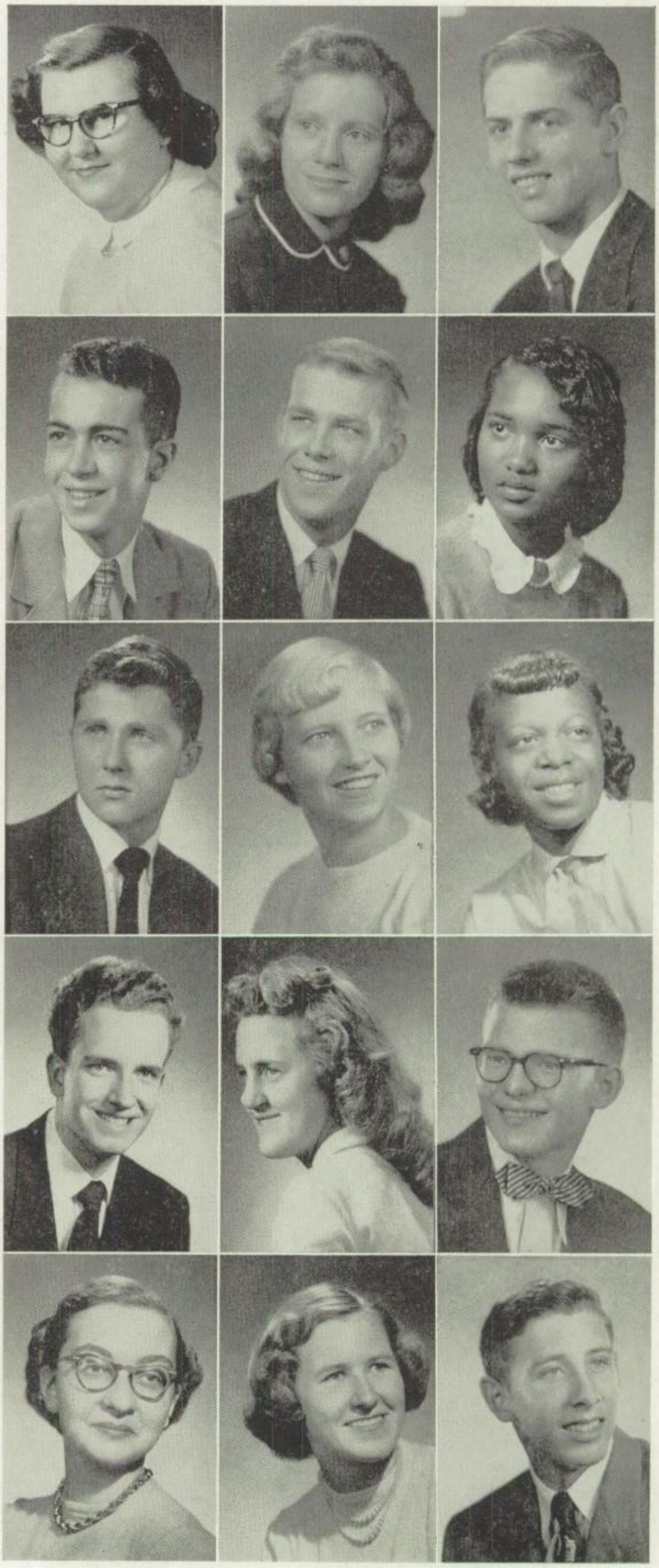
GLENDA RAMSEY
D.E.C.A.

NEIL PHILLIP RAMSEY
Boys' State, Debate, "Harvey," Hi-Y, "Junior Miss," Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Forensic League, National Thespians, Student Council, Youth Forum.

SANDRA ELLEN RATHBUN
G.A.A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

RITVA RATIA
Y-Teens.

PHILIP LEE REDDING
Intramurals.



SENIORS

OLIVER REED

GABRIELLE RENTSCHLER
Band, Glee Club, "Harvey," Mixed Chorus, National Thespians, Nightingale Club, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

CHRIS REVELOS
Football, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, M Club.

KEITH B. REYNOLDS
Science Club.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS
Band, Basketball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Track, Youth Forum.

JACKSON RHOADS
Band, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, Orchestra, Science Club, Youth Forum.

ROBERT RHODES
Intramurals, Mixed Chorus.

JAMES A. REICHELDERFER
Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, M Club, Senior Homeroom Representative.

SYLVESTER RICHARDS
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Tumbling Team.

Comes May scholars take those tests

ROBERT EDWARD RIDENOUR
Intramurals.

BARBARA A. ROBERTS
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Y-Teens.

ELLA ROBERTS

PHIL ROBERTS

ROBERT EDWARD ROCK
Baseball, Intramurals, M Club.

SHEILA ROGERS
Debate, G.A.A., Junior Classical League, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

SENIORS

THOMAS H. ROPER
Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Broadcasting, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, "Junior Miss," M Club, National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Prom Committee, Swimming Team, Track Manager.

PHYLLIS ROSE

DONALD ROSS
D.E.C.A.

CHARLES ROUSTER
D.E.C.A.

SUSAN RUPP
F.T.A., G.A.A., "Junior Miss," Student Council, Tennis, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

TERRY SAMS
Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Hi-Y, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Honor Society, Optimist, Student Council, Swimming Team.

CLAIRE SATTERFIELD
D.E.C.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club.

VAN SAUTER
Basketball Manager, Hi-Y, Intramurals.

LEE SAYLOR
Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Student Council, Track.

Miami dishes out with zest.

BRUCE SCHMACKER
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Science Club, Tennis.

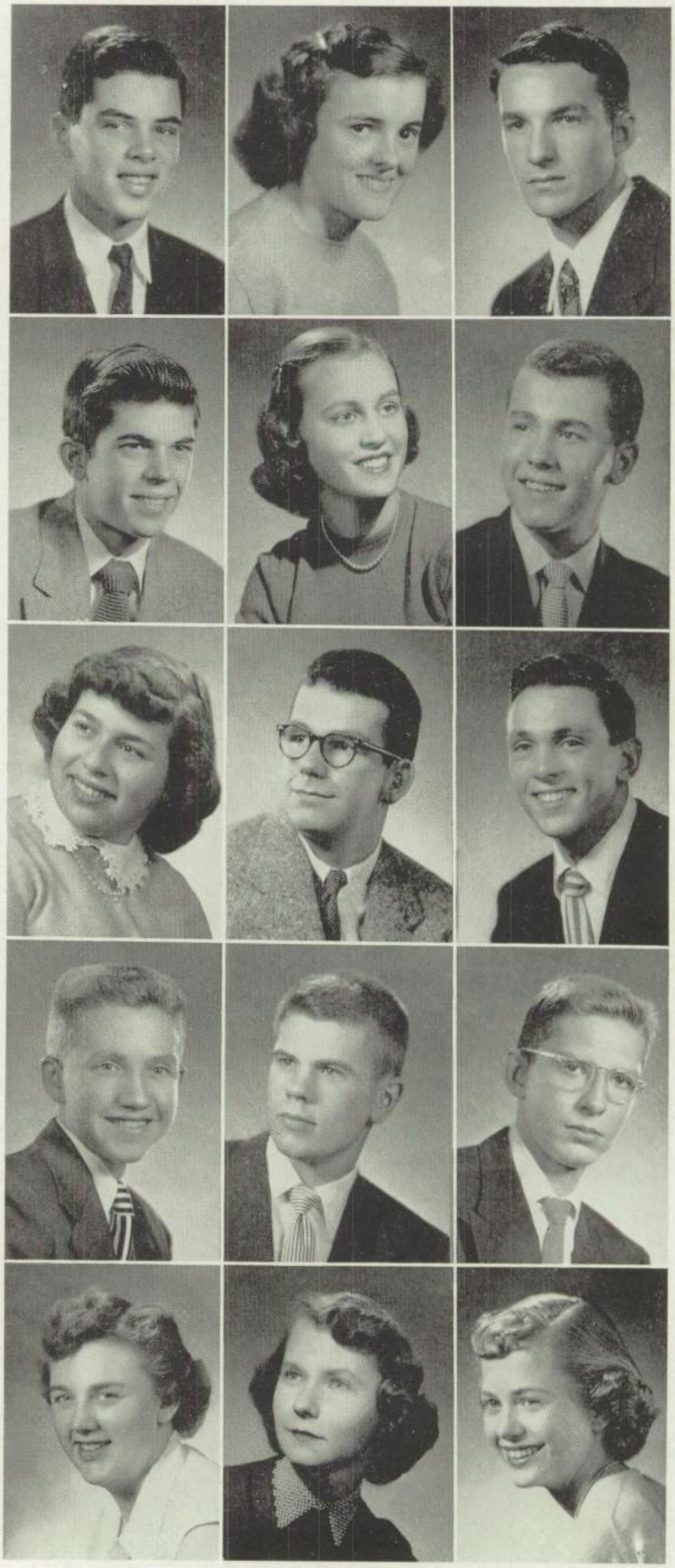
DONALD JAMES SCHNEIDER
Hi-Y.

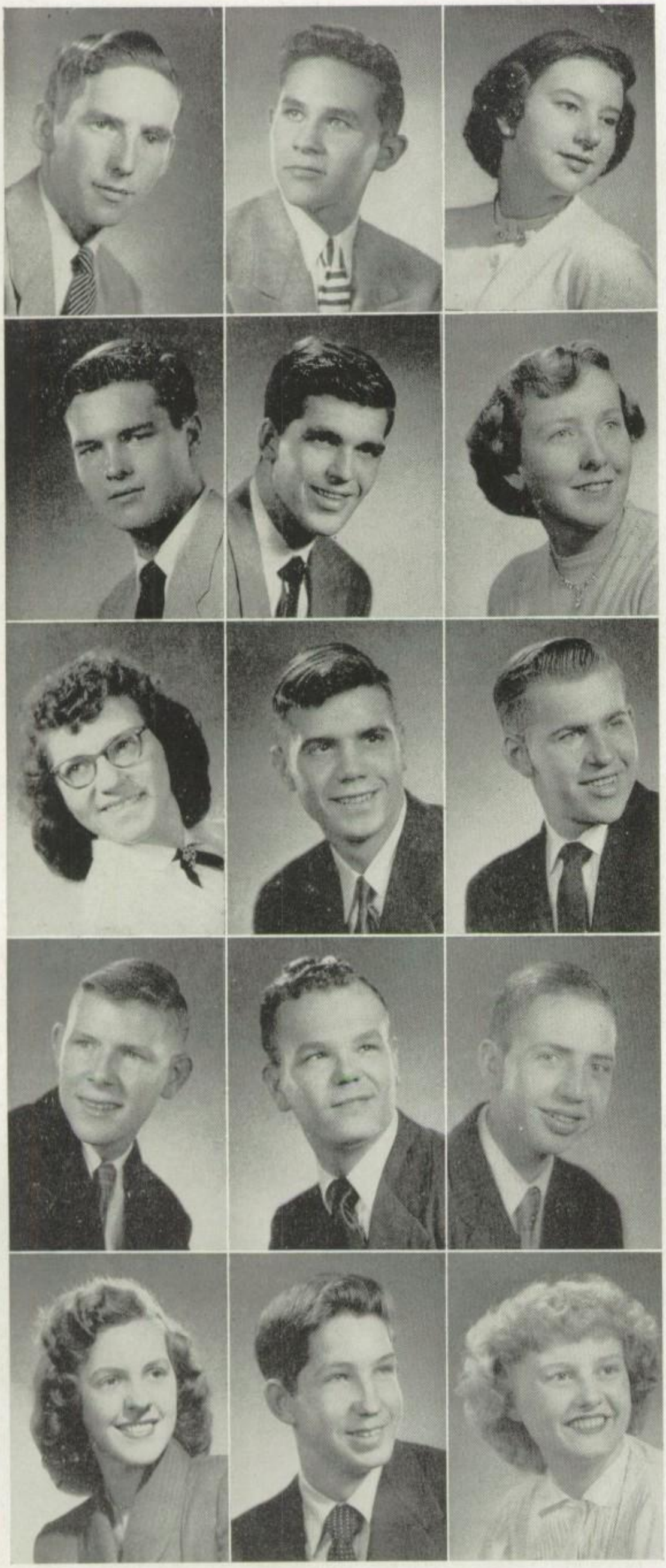
DON W. SCHNEIDER
Band, Basketball Manager, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Student Council, Track.

DARLENE B. SCHURING
Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

VIRGINIA SCHWALL
G.A.A., Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BARBARA SCOTT
G.A.A., "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens.





SENIORS

BOBBY SEARS
Intramurals.

DAVID N. SELBY
Band, Band Council.

JEAN ALYCE SHAUL
Debate, G.A.A., Glee Club, "Harvey," Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," National Forensic League, National Thespians, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

ROGER SHAFER
Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Mixed Chorus, Optimist.

GERALD SHROUT
Baseball, Basketball, D.E.C.A., Hi-Y.

JO ANN SMITH

GAYLE LOUISE SNODGRASS

JOHN EDWARD SNYDER
Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

CURTIS WAYNE SORRELL
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

The prom comes last, but never least,

ROSS SORRELL

GEORGE MARVIN SPENCER

CHARLES EDWARD SPRINKLES

ANITA ROSE STACEY
Glee Club.

DON R. STAGGS
D.E.C.A., Hi-Y.

JANICE LEA STEED
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

SENIORS

CHARLES B. STILES
Band, "Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, National Thespians, Optimist, Tennis.

KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, "June Mad," Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, National Thespians, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

ROBERT SWANGER
Tennis.

DAVID BYRON SWISHER
Football, Hi-Y, Senior Homeroom Representative, Youth Forum.

HAROLD SAMUEL TAYLOR
Band, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Orchestra, Track.

JANET ELIZABETH THOMSON
F.T.A., G.A.A., Glee Club, "Harvey," Junior Classical League, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Honor Society, National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

FLORENCE LOUISE THRESS
Broadcasting, Debate, F.T.A., G.A.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet, Youth Forum.

PATTY TINLEY
Band, Dunham Dramatic Club, F.T.A., National Thespians, Optimist, Orchestra, Y-Teens.

SHIRLEY LEE TIPTON
G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Classical League, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Y-Teens.

On pretty gowns our eyes do feast.

JACQUELINE TOLSON
Broadcasting, G.A.A., Glee Club, "Harvey," Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," National Thespians, "New Moon," Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

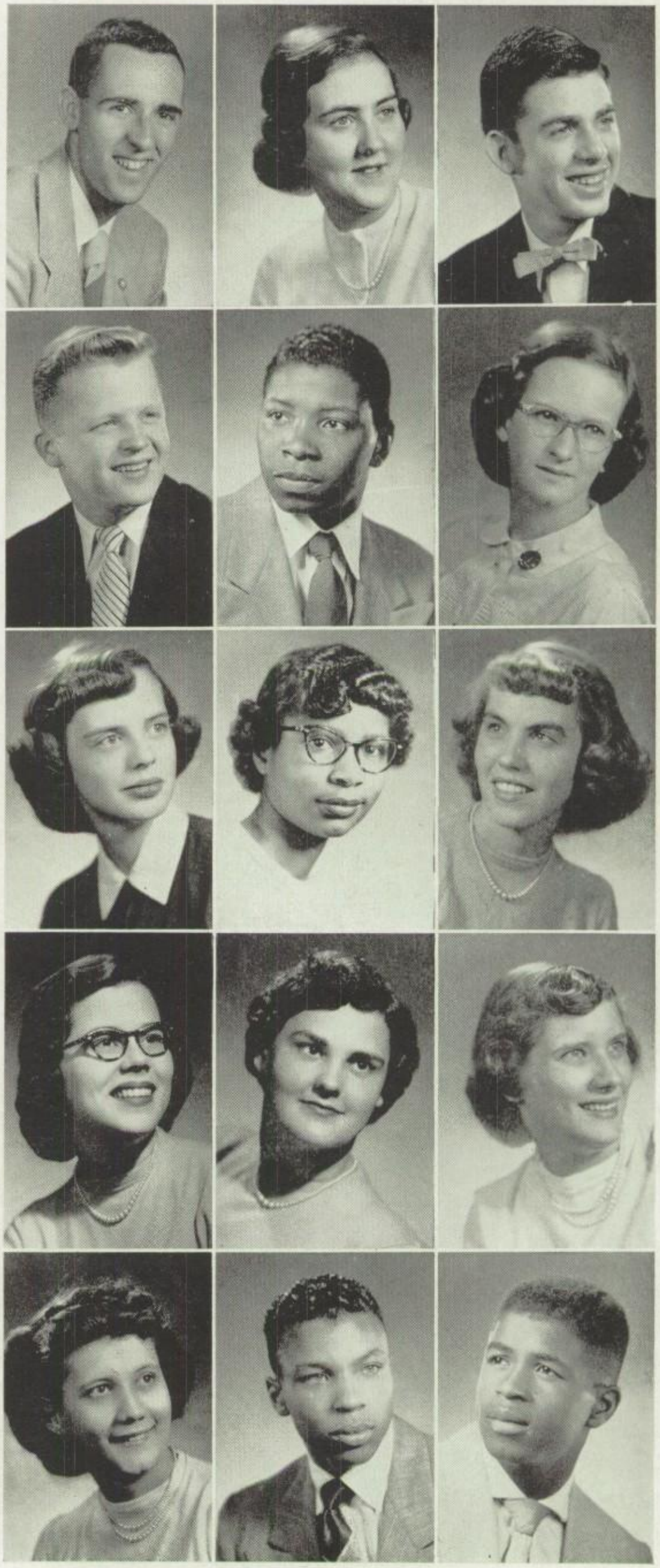
FRANCES TRIMBLE
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

SHIRLEY ANN TUCKER
G.A.A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, "Mlle Modiste," Sophomore Girls' League.

MARILYN ANN TURNER
Business Cadet Club, G.A.A., Youth Forum.

WALTER VALENTINO TURNER
Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Track, Tumbling Team.

HOWARD W. WATSON
Band, Dunham Dramatic Club, Football, Hi-Y, M Club, Track, Tumbling Team.



SENIORS

MARY EVELYN WATSON
G.A.A., Junior Classical League, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

MILLIE KAY WAUGH
Business Cadet Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

WILLIAM B. WEAVER
Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Broadcasting, Debate, F.T.A., "Harvey," "June Mad," Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, "Junior Miss," Middletonian, National Forensic League, National Thespians, "New Moon," Optimist, Youth Forum.

CORALIE JEAN WEIKEL
Band, Band Council, G.A.A., "Junior Miss," "Mlle Modiste," "New Moon," Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens.

ROBERT L. WELLMAN
D.E.C.A., Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Swimming Team, Track, Tumbling Team.

MARY LOU WELLS
F.T.A., G.A.A., Glee Club, "June Mad," Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

SHIRLEY JEAN WELLS
Businesss Cadet Club.

DONALD ROBERT WENZEL

TOM WHITE
"Harvey," Hi-Y, Intramurals, "June Mad," Junior Achievement, National Thespians, Optimist.

Commencement comes with dewy eyes,

BEVERLY WHITETED
G.A.A., Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JANET LOUISE WILHOIT
D.E.C.A., G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

CAROL WILKINSON
G.A.A., Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

MARJORIE RUTH WILKINSON
G.A.A., Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

FRANK WILLIAMS
Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Track.

MARVIN WILLS
Intramurals.

SENIORS

DANIEL L. WILSON
Intramurals.

WILLIAM L. WINKLE
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

BARABARA JEAN WITHERS
Cheerleader, G.A.A., "Junior Miss," Optimist, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

RUTH CAROLYN WITHERSPOON
D.E.C.A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Sophomore Girls' League.

DONALD C. WITHROW
D.E.C.A., Hi-Y, Intramurals.

RICHARD WITT
Basketball, Intramurals.

MARIAN JANE WOLTER
Optimist.

SHIRLEY ANN WOMACK
Business Cadet Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League.

SHIRLEY WOOD
Business Cadet Club, Y-Teens.

And now it's time for last good-byes.

WANDA WOODREY
G.A.A., Sophomore Girls' League.

ALMA WRIGHT
Business Cadet Club.

MILDRED EILEEN WRIGHT

DAVID YOUNG
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Optimist, Youth Forum.

THOMAS EUGENE YOUTSLER
Basketball, D.E.C.A., Intramurals.

JOYCE ANN ZORNES
G.A.A., "June Mad," Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of 1953, being of full age and sound mind and memory, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by us heretofore made;

Item I — To the Faculty: Our undying thanks for those "optional" exams.

Item II — To the Taxpayers: Our gratitude for the Class of '53 firsts: new stadium, new library, new classrooms, and the Wade E. Miller gym.

Item III — To the Juniors: We will our ability to breathe thin atmosphere, our "simple" government tests, and the thrills and chills of the annual Washington trip.

Item IV — To the Sophomores: We will the vain hope that someday you, too, may reach the lofty heights of the Golden Class of '53.

Item V — We hereby specifically bequeath, give, and divide our attributes and accomplishments as follows:

I, Ed Cross, leave my gubernatorial handshake with Governor Lausche to the most ambitious politician in next year's government classes.

I, LaWanda Mockbee, leave my cold lunches to next year's Y-Teen president.

I, Nancy Miller, sadly leave Art Draut behind.

I, Bill Hilz, leave Harvey to anyone else who can see him.

We, Tom Roper and Tom Hanley, leave all the corny jokes about our size 14 footsies to the most patient and good-natured of the fellows endowed with such firm foundations.

We, Aida Aronoff and Kiki Demetrion, leave the people who mispronounce our names to Christine Bugitzedes and Mary Zwolanek.

I, Lowell Barnhart, leave my fancy ballroom twirling to Fred Astaire, in case he needs a refresher course.

I, Charles Feledy, will the empty feeling in my stomach on finding copy lacking at press time to Nancy Yocom.

I, Florence Thress, leave my speeches with the sore throats, stage fright, and lengthy trips, to Nancy Berkey.

I, Bill McGuire, leave my passing (football, that is) career to the next Middie quarterback who can throw a ball while upside-down, running backward, jumping into the air, and wiggling all over in general.

I, Ruthie Moorman, leave, finally to end the trio of female Moorman graduates from M.H.S.

I, Jo Davison, leave the few yet unconquered realms of girls' sports to Jeanne Brandenburg.

I, Cliff Hafer, leave my basketball fame to Kenny Helfman, coach of the YMCA Clowns.

We, Patty Hollon and Dick LeForce, being endowed with kind hearts, will our 1000 page books for government reading to Joan Frazier and John Schrote.

I, Skeeter Payne, leave and take my new teeth with me, thank goodness.

We, Norma Bailey and Shirley Duncan, leave our undying resistance to short hair styles to the gals who believe the ads, "Men fall in love with long, glamorous tresses!"

We, the Democratic die-hards led by Talt Kendrick, leave the days of the soup-bowl and bread lines to the poor unfortunates left in M.H.S.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, Lacy King and Ralph Phibbs, leave to Jim Jewell and Ben McIntire our Casanova ways and our cold, cold hearts.

I, Coralie Weikel, leave my job as the leader of the band to next year's highstepper.

I, Pete Carruthers, leave "Stuff" and take "Nonsense" with me.

I, Marilyn Fitzgerald, take my full-fledged red convertible "taxi" with me.

I, Gwynne Finkleman, leave my racket (tennis, of course) to Carol Heller.

We, Tom Dillman and Dorsie Blankenship, captains of the football team, leave the next year's captain to Miss Powell; maybe she can help him make those embarrassing assembly speeches.

We, Carolyn Cribbs and Richard Jones, leave our jobs as co-editors of the Optimist to next year's editors, who will, no doubt, enjoy the track practice of running constantly from the Optimist office to 205 and leaving the building at 5:30 instead of 3:05.

I, Jack Egelston, leave my solid geometry to anyone who can find the time to do it.

We, the Triple Trio, leave our sparkling hair and many reindeer on the roof-tops to next year's harmonizers.

We, Joyce Parr and Skip Ramsey, leave the 5:00 A.M. debate trips, secret strategy meetings at Mrs. A.'s house, and those heavy file boxes to next year's argumentative group.

I, Louise Hall, leave my one night of glory to next year's Homecoming Queen.

I, Joanna Hershner, leave my dancing ability to Joyce Forkner.

I, Charles Stiles, leave my ability to get to Washington for the inaugural parade to Pat Arnold.

We, the Cheerleaders, leave to next year's cheerleaders the Friday night trips to the dry-cleaner's and the thrills of cheering the team to victory.

I, Barbara Withers, leave my title of "The widow of an athlete" to a junior gal who has as much patience as I had.

I, Jean Shaul, leave my water wings to Lynn Hayes, Linda Tieman, and Judy Beatty. (Hold on tight, girls; there's only one pair of them).

I, Buddy Bratton, leave my Iota fan club regretfully behind.

I, Jerry Ragland, leave my naturally curly hair to David Higham.

We, Jean Hambleton and Tom Harmon, leave our quiet manner and winning smiles to Dick McIntire and Eileen Bishop.

I, Pat McCandless, leave my ability to say anything to anyone and get away with it to Louis Christy.

I, Terry Sams, leave my hot trumpet to Jack McLaughlin.

I, Janet Thomson, leave my love to read about, write about, paint and ride horses to Janice James.

We, the Optimist Staff, leave "Pooka," our unsurpassed excellence at cutting pictures, Mac and all his pictures, and especially the "sky-scraper" view from the Optimist office to next year's unsuspecting group.

Item VI — We hereby request that Mrs. Nevin Smucker and Mr. Harold Figley be appointed Executrix and Executor of this our Last Will and Testament, admonishing them to cherish and administer our attributes and accomplishments for the benefit of all those best suited to receive them without limit or reservation.

In witness whereof, we, the Class of '53, have affixed our signatures and seal, this 15th day of February, 1953.

'53

THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1953

Most Versatile

Tom Dillman
La Wanda Mockbee

Most Talented

Bill Hilz
Florence Thress

Most Attractive

Lacy King
Susan Rupp

Most Athletic

Cliff Hafer
Lois Helsinger

Most Enthusiastic

Tom Roper
Gwynne Finkleman

Most Friendly

Ed Cross
Ruthie Moorman

Most Co-operative

Mildred Baker
Talt Kendrick

Most Witty

Barbara Scott
Charles Stiles

Most Studious

Pat McCandless
Gerald Ragland

Most Likely-to-Succeed

Joyce Parr
Charles Feledy

Most Sincere

Kiki Demetrion
Don Schneider

Most Dependable

Carolyn Cribbs
Dick Jones

OUR SUCCESS STORY

by

"The Luckiest Kids In The World"

"So in conclusion, I'd like to say that it's been a great honor to express the pride which the people of Middletown have in two of their fellow citizens." Applause ended the welcoming speech by William F. Hilz, XBS newscaster, in honor of Dr. Charles Frank Feledy, recently made president of Cornell University, and Peter Ambler Carruthers, head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Feledy rose to acknowledge the tribute paid him. "I'd like to say that Pete and I are very pleased and honored. He couldn't be here today because of some special work. I'm looking forward to renewing some acquaintances at the picnic for our '53 reunion. They called us the 'luckiest kids in the world' so I'm interested to see how our 'luck' turned out."

A murmur of approval ran through the audience. This luncheon was the opening for the get-together of the class of 1953. The Reverend Philip Ramsey of the First Baptist Church, and also a member of the 'lucky' class, stepped up to the microphone to give the benediction.

As the guests filed out, Dr. Feledy turned to City Commissioner Thomas Dillman and remarked, "I've often thought about coming back home, but my work has kept me away until now."

"Well, Chuck, I'm sorry that I can't conduct a personal tour of our city for you tomorrow, but my veterinarian duties are quite heavy even with the help of my nurse, Pauline LeForce. I'll see you at the picnic."

"There'll be plenty of time to talk over old times at the reunion. I've contacted some of our classmates that are still in town and they've promised to show me around."

The next morning a convertible drove up in front of 3305 Central Avenue. Buddy Jones, owner of the local Cadillac firm, stepped out. The two old friends shook hands warmly.

"Come on, Chuck, we have to hurry. After all, this town has expanded since you saw it ten years ago. Do you mind, Mr. Hilz, if we stop for some gas?"

After the car had been checked by James King, head mechanic at Don Ross's Ready Service Station, the party began their tour.

The big car pulled up in front of the main office of Armco. Two men were seen going up the steps.

"Those men look familiar, Bill. Who are they?"

"Don't you recognize Ed Cross and Eddie Kendall? They're two of Armco's most important research men."

"I wish I could stop and talk to them, but I realize that our time is limited."

Promising to meet Buddy at 10:30, Bill and Chuck entered the main door and went over to the switchboard.

"Please connect me with the head of the engineering department," Bill told Peggy Cox, head operator.

Miss Cox turned to Margaret Cain, her assistant, "Get the Engineering Department, please."

"Who is the head of that department?" asked Dr. Feledy.

"An old time classmate of ours, Chuck, —Ted Olt."

They started down the hall to the office. Adjacent to Mr. Olt's office was a room filled with the sound of clicking typewriters. "Are they all secretaries?" asked Chuck.

"Oh, yes, they work for the engineers. There's Norma Agnor, Susan Bishop, Jean Breitenbecher, Pat Dabe, Millie Waugh, Janet Wilhoit, Luvane Geary, Judy Morgan, and Wilma Emerson, all old classmates of ours. They've been working here for about five years. Peachy Fagan and Barbara Withers recently got promotions to a higher office."

"Good afternoon, gentlemen. Why hello, Fel, I didn't know you were in town. I guess you're going to our reunion too," welcomed Miss Coralie Weikel, Mr. Olt's secretary.

"Hello, Coralie, is Ted in?"

"Oh, I'm sorry, he's out now, but I'll ask his assistant, Lee Saylor, to show you around."

"Hello there, Chuck, it's good to see you," Lee exclaimed as he came into the office.

"I'm happy to be here. How's everything with you?"

"Fine. Let me show you some more of the personnel in this department. Follow me."

Lee led the way, pointing out the different offices. "There's the mechanical engineering office, headed by Charles Allen and Ronald Anderson. Tom Burbick and Don Murphy also work there. Herman Block and Jack Egelston are the brains of the civil engineering outfit. Skeeter Payne just joined forces with them last year. Electronics is located right over here. Clarence Cook, Jerry Kinsworthy, and Harold Taylor specialize in that field. Gerald Cox and John McGee are the head draftsmen in that department. Don W. Schneider is taking over the chemical department; working with him are Don Jones and Eddie Mynhier.

"There's one more group left. Here it is — aeronautical engineering headed by Wayne Norris, who is assisted by Don J. Schneider, Julian Kindred, and Dan Hayes.

"Roger Shafer and Helen Kelly used to work here, but Roger got a promotion out west in Colorado teaching geology and Helen's working at Crystal Tissue now.

"Oh, yes, LaWanda Mockbee, who's on a world lecture tour now, got quite a write-up in the *"Engineers' Magazine"* last week. You know that she's teaching engineering at Ohio State now, don't you?"

"Why, no, I didn't know that. Do you have any architects here? I remember Sidney Hatfield wanted to go into that work."

"Yes, Sidney got his job, along with Marvin Spencer, Don Hall, and Bob Mangold. They have contracts with Dick Creager, Wayne Sorrell, Jim McGlothen, Don Mason, and Courtney Duff who do all the carpentry on their buildings."

Arriving at the interior of the mill, Lee informed Dr. Feledy, "A few of your classmates work here as electricians—Dick Boehm, Ernest Howard, Bill Winkle, and Ronnie Little. Tom Goodwin's office handles all the plumbing."

Bill looked at his watch. "Well, I'll have to check with my secretary, Beverly Whiteted."

As Bill stepped into one of the offices, Lee led Chuck into a noisy office across the hall.

Chuck looked into the room. At typewriters and various machines were many faces he recognized—Cuba Barker, Mary Ann Crout, Jackie Tolson, Ruth Witherspoon, Norma Barker, Frances Trimble, Carolyn King, and Mary Meeks.

Lee smiled at Chuck's astonishment. He added, "Over

at Gardner's Marilyn Fitzgerald, Peggy Fletcher, Mary Ewing, Bonnie Burton, Marjorie Campbell, and Claire Satterfield work. And oh, yes—Bob Abner works at Frigidaire in Dayton."

Bill came out of the office. "Beverly says that the two television directors, Aida Aronoff and David Selby, came to the station a few minutes ago. Your broadcast starts in about thirty minutes. We'd better go."

Bill and Chuck thanked Lee for the tour and exchanged a few words with Ted, who arrived just as they were leaving.

"Tom Roper will introduce your speech. He's the disc jockey on 'Regretfully Yours' now. There are a couple other announcers you'll probably remember—John Hurston and Tom White. And oh, yes, Allan Gray is one of the engineers."

They pulled up in front of the ultra-modern station. Walking into his office, Bill remarked, "One of your 'lucky' friends has really hit the jackpot—Terry Sams has one of the most popular bands in the country. Tonight he's featuring some local talent. Marilyn Gehm is playing the piano and Louise Hall is doing the vocals. He's used other local singers during the years—Darlene Schuring, Ella Roberts, and Mae Busby."

After Chuck's speech, he and Bill headed away from town.

"I thought that you might like to get out of town and relax a little after the speech," Bill explained.

"Quite a few farmers out here are your old friends," he went on, "We just passed Bob McFeeter's place. Right up here are John Howard's and Buddy Bratton's farms. David Swisher is becoming a very prosperous farmer around Lebanon. He was one of the boys who took up scientific farming, along with Bill Hogg and Tom Harmon. Several more are scattered throughout the state—Marvin Wells, Dan Wilson, and Charles Sprinkles."

Chuck looked thoughtful. "I thought Buddy Fouch was going to do something like that."

"Oh, Buddy's a forest ranger now," Bill answered. "Mike Hoover went into forestry, too. And Tom Daniels owns his own ranch! Mike Dutko's a naturalist, like he always wanted to be.

"That's Steve Neal," Bill exclaimed, as they passed a surveyor, "He surveyed Jim Naudin's citrus farm in Florida last month. This is Tom McDonald's land. He's laying out the grounds for his nursery."

"We'll have lunch at our most famous restaurant—The Tops DeLuxe. It's recommended by Duncan Hines," said Buddy, heading the car back toward town.

As they slid into one of the leather-covered booths, a person whose face was familiar came to take their order.

"Why, Joyce Loop!" Chuck exclaimed. "It's good to see you again."

She smiled and said, "Hello, Charles. This is my restaurant now."

After the two men had enjoyed a delightful luncheon, they went to the Middletown Journal.

"This place certainly has expanded," Chuck commented, as they entered the tall skyscraper.

"A couple of your old friends own this, too," informed Bill. "Gwynne Finkleman and Norma Bailey merged their separate newspapers into this one huge building, where they employ several members of the '53 class. Betty Ballinger and Wanda Bowman are the chief teletype operators, Dick Farnsworth is head of the advertising department, Bill McGuire runs one of the linotype machines, and Bob Rhodes is the chief printer."

Shirley Callahan greeted them in the reception room. "I'll see Miss Bailey's secretary, Beverly Pate."

After talking a few moments with Inez Huff, she said, "Miss Finkleman isn't in, either, but she left a message with her secretary, Barbara Roberts, that you're to be interviewed by Jean Shaul and John Snyder. Chris Revelos is doing the picture feature."

Bill thanked her and asked for information about the entertainment planned for the picnic that night. Shirley consulted Gayle Snodgrass, Cora Johnson, Carol Maier, Mary Lou Wells, and Loretta Miller, secretaries in the advertising department.

"Paul Johnson and Bob Rock are playing in an exhibition game with their other Yankee teammates," said Shirley.

"That ought to be very entertaining," commented Dr. Feledy.

"Oh, hello, Charles. I just came over to tell Gwynne and Norma that Bob Adams and Fred Davis got another commission in the Air Force," Shirley Wells, out-of-town reporter, informed them.

"Say, what ever happened to some of the fellows that joined the Navy? I remember Bob Livzey wanted to join," Charles asked.

"Bob is an officer now, but he's not the only one who joined the Navy; Jack Brown, Eddie Kalbaugh, Bob Ridenour, Bill Pelfrey, Bob Wellman, John Kramer, and Howard Watson did, too. Dave Lemmons is top brass in the Army and our only feminine offering to the Armed Forces, Marian Wolter, has been appointed the first Secretary of the Women's Division of National Defense."

"I read somewhere that Duane Jackson was a hero because of a courageous rescue he made in Maine, while on Coast Guard duty."

After the interview was over, Chuck and Bill had a pleasant surprise as they stepped into the lobby. Sitting in one of the chairs was the Reverend Talt Kendrick. The fiery Democratic gentleman rose to greet them.

"It's good to have you back, Chuck," he declared. "Say," he added, "you couldn't spare just a few minutes tonight and come to our service at the church, could you? Dick Jones and Bob Swanger are our guest speakers."

"I'll come if I can before the reunion tonight, Talt," Chuck promised.

"Well, you'll see June Baber and Shirley Tucker, who are missionaries. Don May will speak tomorrow night, if you could make it then, too."

"Would I know any others who'll be there?" Dr. Feledy asked.

"Certainly," the jovial minister exclaimed. "We work closely with Marilyn Turner, head of the Salvation Army here in Middletown. And you remember Jean Hambleton, Joyce Zornes, Donna Lester, Kiki Demetrion, and Mildred Baker, don't you? Why, all of those girls are social workers in Butler County.

"Well, I've influenced you all I can now," he joked. "I do hope you can be with us."

A telephone operator, Jean Lyons, called Bill to the phone, as one of the secretaries, Shirley Tipton, ushered Talt into an inner office.

"That was Dorothy Hatton, operator at the hospital switchboard. She said that our tour of the new hospital will get underway in a few minutes."

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JIM JEWELL, *President*

LOUIS CHRISTY, *Treasurer*

NANCY YOCOM, *Vice President*

JOAN FRAZIER, *Secretary*

JUNIOR OFFICERS

We, the junior class, play the part of the Middleman. Not so famous as the seniors, but better known than the sophomores, we are an important cog in the wheel of M.H.S. In the halls we may be recognized as members of the band, athletic teams, speech classes, or just students.

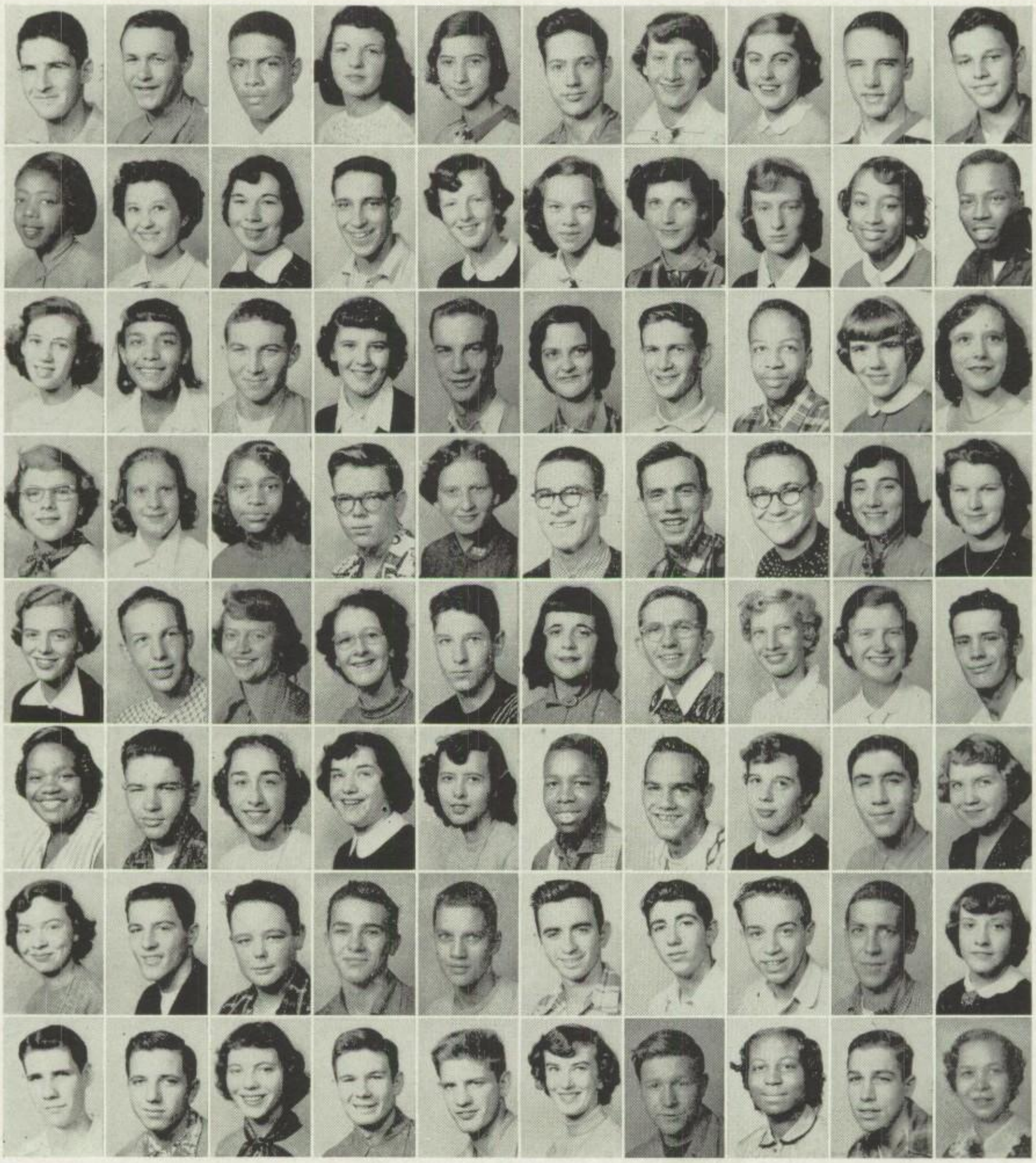
As sophomores we cheered the football team, saw the Middies become the State Champions, and watched the new building going up brick by brick. "Ever Since Eve" and "Mlle Modiste" brought some of our hidden dramatic talent into view, and some of us even showed our scholastic ability in the state scholarships tests.

Our junior year also has been full of activity. In the music field our class has shone brightly, for besides playing in the high school band and orchestra, members of our class were in the Civic Symphony, and one member played in the Cincinnati College of Music band. This year's operetta, "Sweethearts," was thoroughly sprinkled with juniors.

We got a big thrill, too, when the football team finally beat Hamilton, and the basketball team ushered in the new Wade E. Miller gymnasium. The debate team and the Middletonian staff filled some of their top positions with juniors. "That Brewster Boy" was a smash hit dramatically and financially, so plans for the Junior-Senior Prom were next on the schedule.

A group of hardworking juniors under the supervision of Miss Helen Weinberger and Mr. E. H. McCandlish planned and executed the initial prom to be held in the new gym. Of course it was a success!

During these two years we've learned a lot about people and life. Next year we'll be looking forward to furthering our knowledge, and everyone else will be looking at us, the most important cogs in the wheel of M.H.S.



JUNIORS

1st row — James Larry Abner, Don Adams, Jerry Adams, Phyllis Ann Agee, Wanda Lou Agnor, Douglas Arthur Alder, Esther Jean Aldridge, Marjorie Joan Aldridge, James M. Alexander, Richard Alexander.

2nd row — Mildred Lee Allen, Shirley Armitage, Marianne Asher, Eric Back, Wanda Back, Sherrey Bailey, Alberta Edith Bair, Nancy Lee Baird, Betty Bankston, Bill Bankston.

3rd row — Marilyn Rose Barker, Elizabeth Ann Barnes, Jim Barnett, Janet Beatty, Jerry Beatty, Judy Beatty, Bob Bell, Toby Bennett, Sherry Lee Bennington, Nancy Berkey.

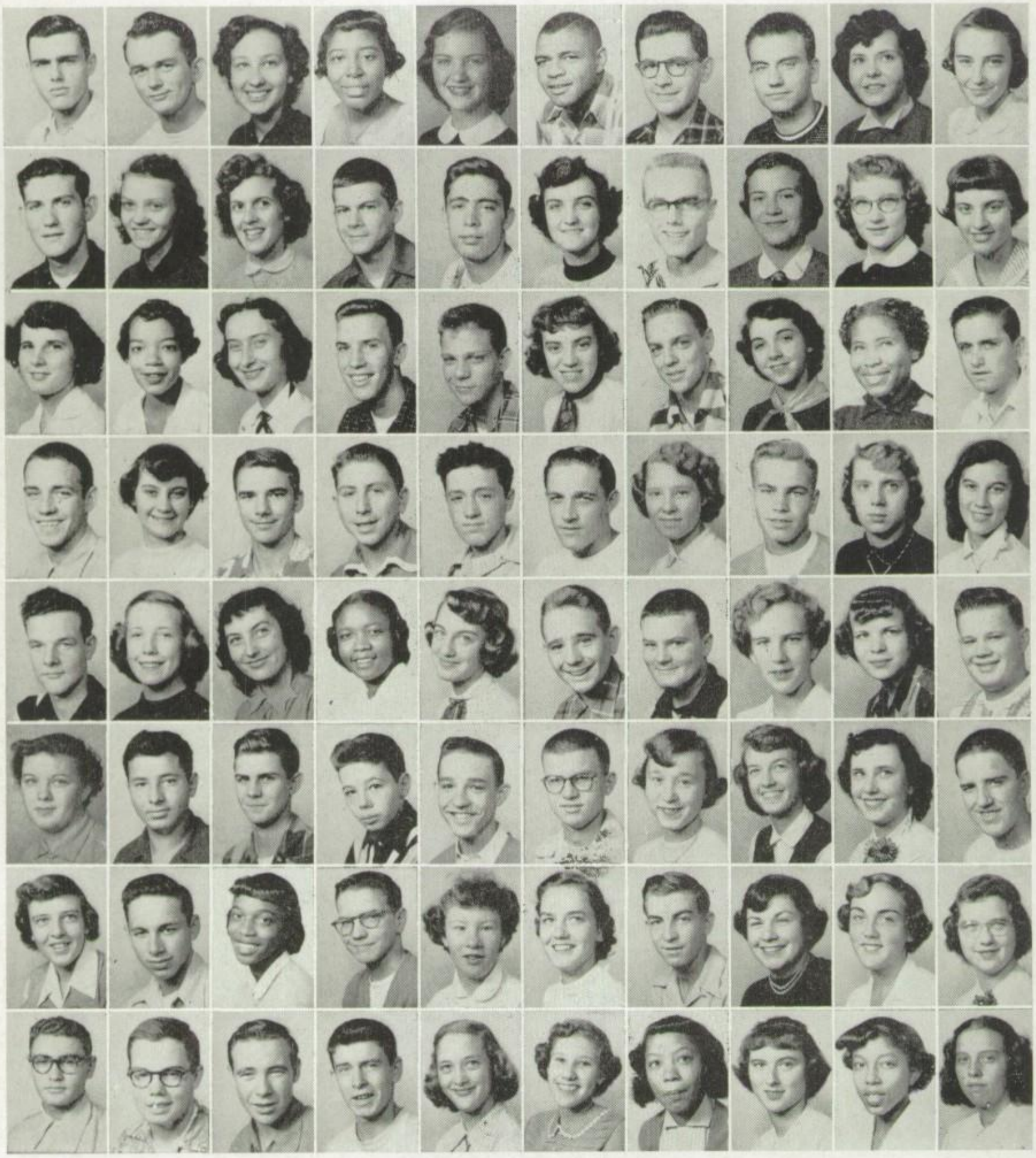
4th row — Nancy Berkley, Ruthella Berry, Janie Bigby, David Lee Biggs, Eileen Bishop, Don Blevins, Kenneth R. Blount, Allen Bolling, Marie Bond, Jackey Borders.

5th row — Marcia Bowlin, Clarence Boyd, Jeanne Brandenburg, Patty Brate, Jerry Brown, Sandra Brown, Jim Burgess, Yvonne Burgher, Pat Burns, Richard A. Byrd.

6th row — Jeanne Campbell, Bob Canody, Ida Capozzi, Betty Carl, Carole Jane Carr, Larry Carter, Carl Caudill, Shirley Chapman, Louis Christy, Alice Coldiron.

7th row — Norma Coldiron, Paul Cole, Bill Collier, David Combs, Don Combs, Ronnie Combs, Robert Cooper, Kenneth Cornella, Dick Cottle, Betty Cox.

8th row — Charles Cox, Gene Cox, Norma Cox, Roger Craft, Russell Craft, Shirley Craft, Kenneth Craig, Lois Culbreath, James Dalton, Margaret Daly.



JUNIORS

1st row — Gary Daughetee, Ray Davies, Barbara Davis, Dorothy Davis, Pat Davis, Oscar Day, Bill Dean, Frank Dean, Barbara Deaton, Gretta DeBord.

2nd row — William DeBord, Betty DeHart, Maryann Sue Dennis, Bill Dorenbusch, Paul Downs, Norma Jean Doyle, Arthur Draut, Sally Duane, Joan Duff, Nancy Jo Dunlap.

3rd row — Shirley Eck, Barbara Ecton, Nancy Edwards, Martin Egelston, Ronald Egelston, Lois Eggleston, David Ellis, Patricia Ann Emrick, Charlotte Gaynelle Ferguson, Larry Ferrell.

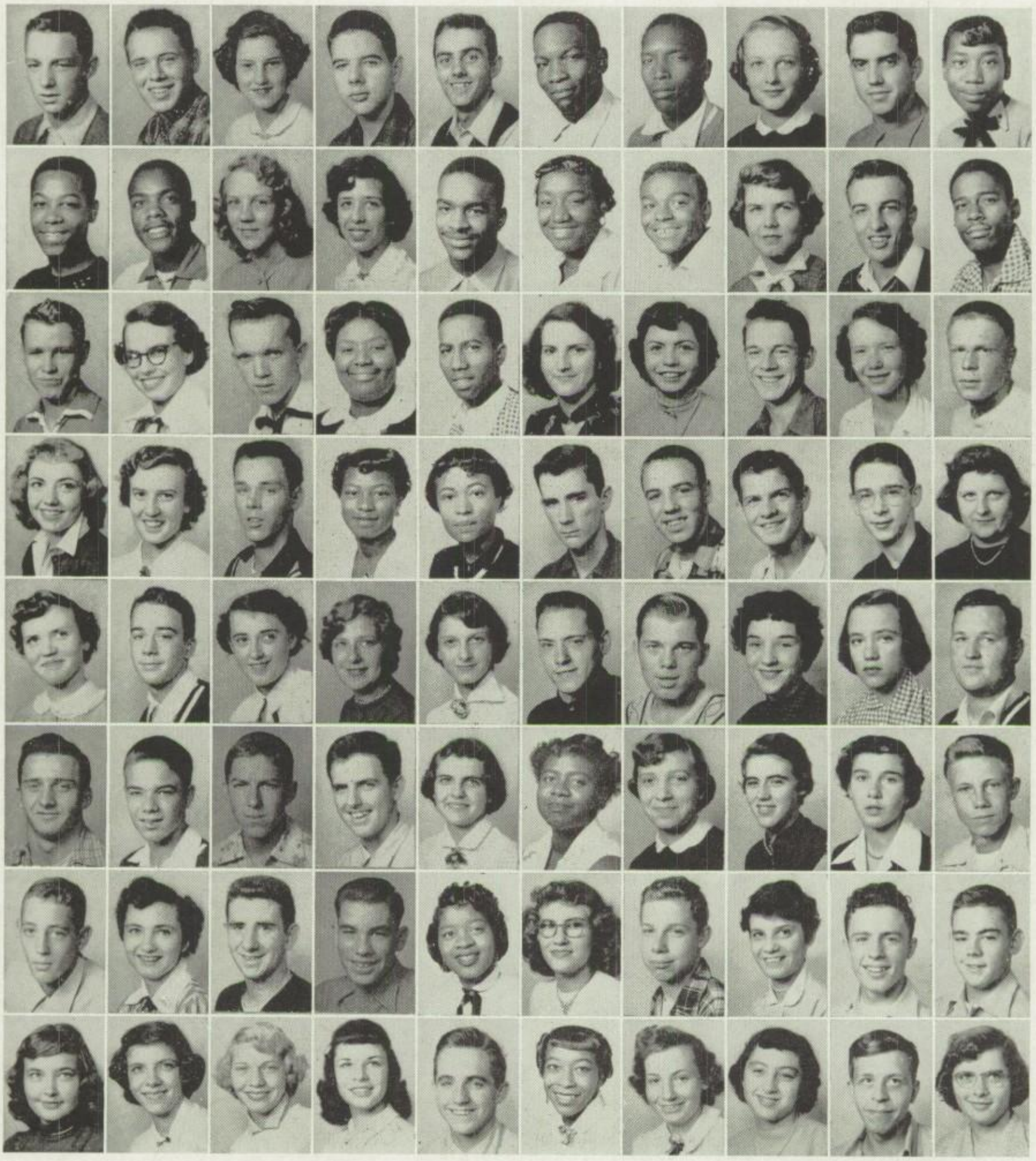
4th row — Jack Fishbaugh, Patsy Fishbaugh, Daniel Owen Fisher, Paul Fisher, John Flanagan, James Fleming, Fern Fletcher, Fritz Foutz, Joan Anita Frazier, Mary Frisby.

5th row — Gil Frydell, Janet Fryman, LaVonne Fugett, Dorothy Lee Fuller, Beth Gallagher, David Lee Gaw, Bob Geis, Patty Gerber, Pauline Gibbs, James Goforth.

6th row — Patsy Gomia, Alfonso Gonzalez, Don Good, Merle Gravett, Dick Gray, Fred Greenfield, Carol Greer, Phyllis Griggs, Joyce Hackney, Cliff Hall.

7th row — Helen Hall, Willard Hancock, Janie Louise Harris, Charlie Hartness, Lois Hatton, Lynn Hayes, Johnny Hayslip, Ellen Heil, Carol Heller, Joan Helsinger.

8th row — Freddie Hicks, Tom Hodson, Joe Hoffman, James Hogg, Wanda Hogg, Elaine Hohman, Georgiana Hood, Charlotte Horn, Helen Lois Howard, Ruth Howard.



JUNIORS

1st row — Seth Howard, Don Jackson, Margaret Jackson, Jerry James, Jim Jay, John Jefferson, Percy Jefferson, Joan Jeffery, Jim Jewell, Inell Johnson.

2nd row — Jerry Johnson, Leonard Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Carolyn Jones, George Jones, Odell Jones, Stan Jones, Sue Anne Kalbaugh, Allan Karchner, James Kemp.

3rd row — Donald Eugene Kemplin, Barbara Kerr, Jerry Kidwell, Susan King, Don Kinley, Louise Koch, Alberta Korn, Ray Kramer, Jane Lacey, Jim Lacey.

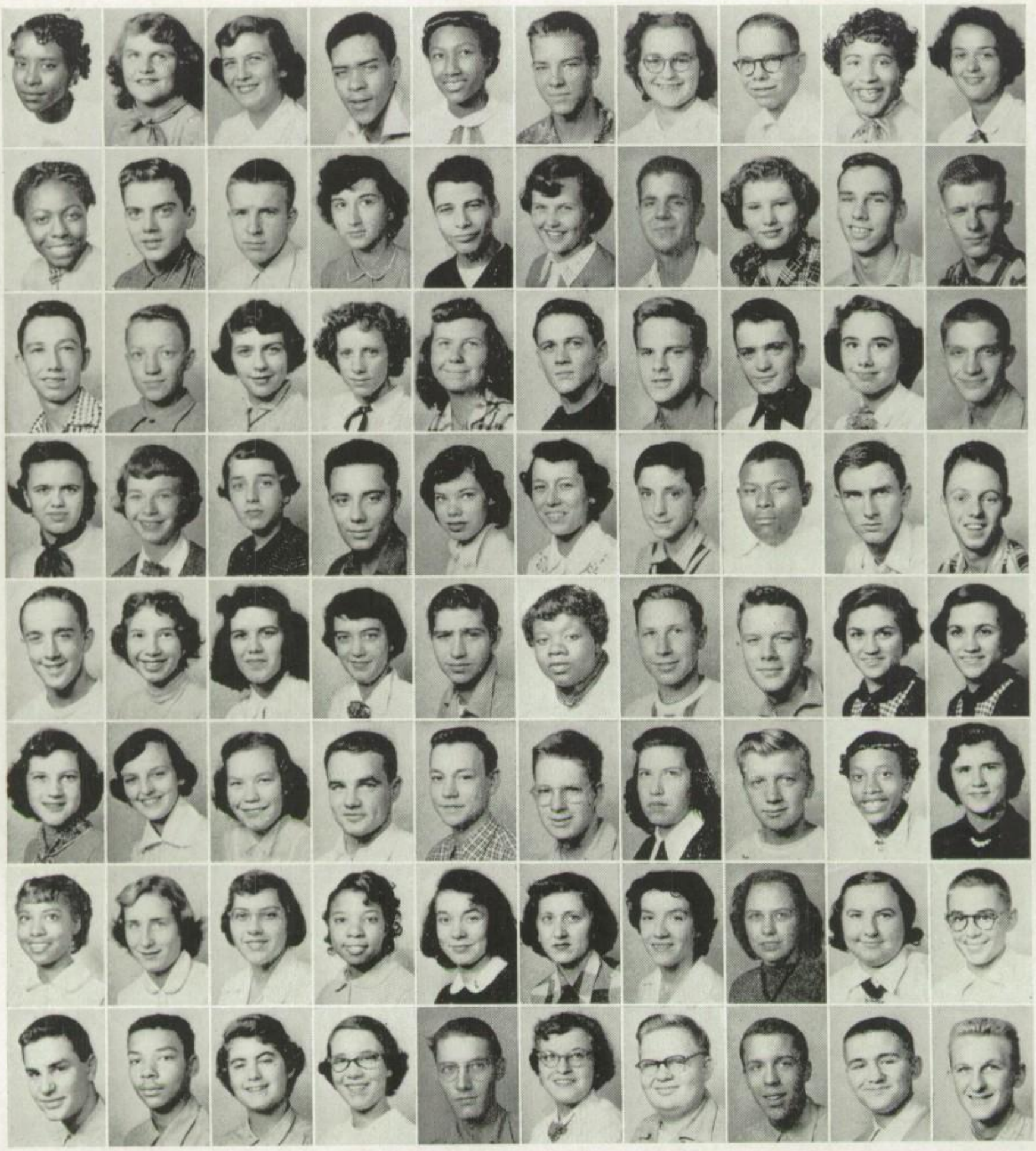
4th row — Betty Lansaw, Darlene Largent, Bob Larison, Hazel Oneta Latimore, Annie Ruth Lattimore, Jerry Richard Lawson, Owen Lawson, Phill Lawson, Bob Layer, Helen Layer.

5th row — Norma Jean Lindon, Bud Lindsey, Jane List, Betty Lisy, Barbara Little, Ray Lockhart, Ronnie Loop, Donna Lowe, Carolyn Mack, Earl Mack.

6th row — Pat Mack, Mack Maffett, Howard Mansfield, Howard Margerum, Janice Margerum, Eleanor Mason, Peggy Matson, Margie Mattingly, Alice Maurice, Leroy Maxwell.

7th row — Fred Mayabb, Joanne McClain, John McCutcheon, Dick McDonald, Doris Jean McDougal, Joyce McElfresh, Jim McGraw, Jean McGuire, Ben McIntire, Richard McIntire.

8th row — Faye McPherson, Elaine Meehan, Patricia Ann Meehan, Janet Meeks, Charles Mendenhall, Barabara Jean Merchant, Jeannette Middleton, Joyce Milburn, Russell Miller, Joyce Mills.



JUNIORS

1st row — Rosie Mitchell, Edie Moon, Gerry Moore, Jimmie Moore, Phoebe Carrolyn Morgan, Roscoe Morgan, Juanita Morris, James Mosier, Mary Moss, Mary Ann Moyer.

2nd row — Mary Myhand, Ken Naudin, Ronnie Nicholas, Janice Nolan, Robert Norris, Sally O'Friel, Jim Osborn, Faye Osborne, Hugh L. Palmer, Lee William Palmer.

3rd row — George Nathan Pardonner, David Parker, Carol Ann Partee, Jo Ann Paynter, Helen Peck, Ernest Pence, Francis Pence, Bob Pennington, Annette Pergram, Gary Perry.

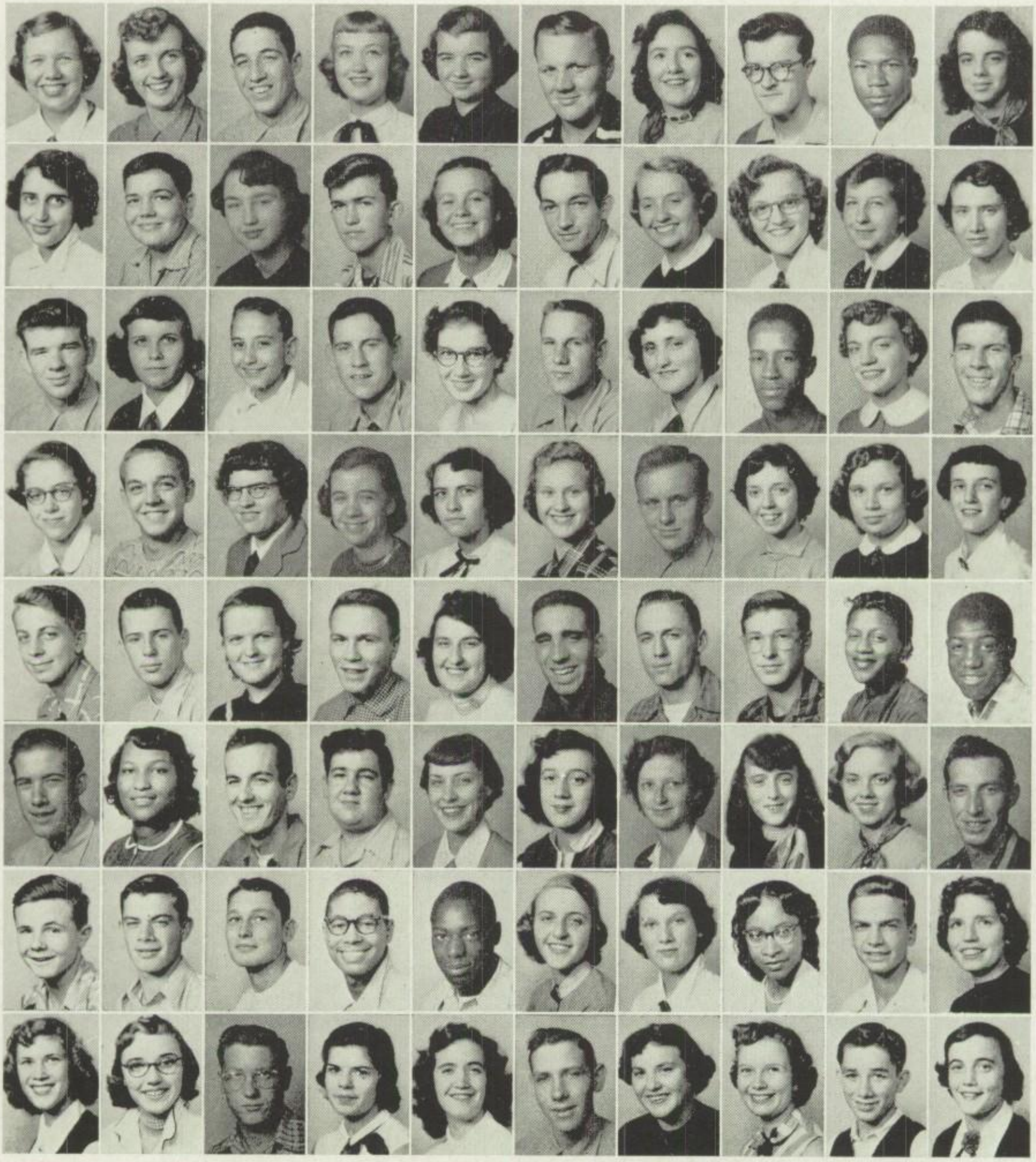
4th row — Myra Jane Petereit, Becky Ann Petrocy, Betsy Phillips, Dean Phillips, Gail Pierson, Kathleen Pierson, Dave Polisini, Bill Pollard, Luther Pratt, Philip Lee Price.

5th row — Ronald Proctor, Helen Jo Prosperi, Mary Carolyn Puckett, Virginia Puckett, William Carl Quiett, Eileen Quinn, Bert Ratia, Tom Reed, Martha Jane Revelos, Mary Lou Revelos.

6th row — Carol Jean Reynolds, Jo Ann Rice, Virginia Risner, Don Ritter, George Ritter, Thomas Robbins, Ruth Eleanor Roberson, Bill Roberts, Gwendolyn Roberts, Josephine Roberts.

7th row — Paula Robinson, Ruth Roess, Dana Rogers, Elouise Rogers, Ella Romans, Nancy Romans, Norma Ross, Joyce Rosser, Nora Rothwell, Kenneth Rupp.

8th row — Bill Rush, Norman Sampson, Judy Sander, Marsha Saxton, Frank Scheibert, Elaine Schlup, Jerry Schneider, John Schrote, Richard Schuster, Jimmy Selby.



JUNIORS

1st row — Jeanne Sennet, Virginia Sennet, Donald Shearer, Gail Shepherd, Vernona Shultz, Luke Leroy Sickle, Mary Jo Sickles, Frankie Silver, Anderson Simmons, Barbara Smith.

2nd row — Marilyn Smith, Charles Landon Snowden, Phyllis Solter, Bob Souers, Wenda Lee South, Winford South, Mary Jane Spies, Phyllis Stacey, Shirley Staggs, Shirley Stegemiller.

3rd row — Bob Stevens, Joann Stewart, Billy Sticklen, Bob Stiles, Annette St. Jean, Ronnie Stokley, Betty Stoops, Joseph James Streeter, Faye Stubbs, Tommy Sullivan.

4th row — Anita Swift, Howard Taylor, Jane Gibson Teater, Alice Thatcher, Pauline Rhae Tibbs, Linda Tieman, Clarence Tucker, Jodell Tucker, Gayle Turner, Wanda Van Cleve.

5th row — George Velte, Bill Wade, Natalie Waits, Ken Walker, Noka Walters, George Walty, Bob Ward, Carl Wardlow, Irene Watson, John Watson.

6th row — Bob Weathers, Melva Webb, Deanie Wells, Ernie Wells, Phyllis Wells, Shirley Jean Wenzel, Carol West, Pauline West, Gayle Whelan, John Whisman.

7th row — Fred Whitehead, Ronald Whitt, Jack Whittlesey, Donald Wilkinson, David Williams, Martha Williams, Peggy Ann Williams, Bettye Wilson, Dan Wise, Marilyn Witherspoon.

8th row — Dottie Witt, Selma Wolfe, David Woolum, Linda Workman, Norma Jean Wray, Bob Yauch, Marilyn Jean Yenser, Nancy Lee Yocom, Roger Young, Susan Young.

SOPHOMORE GIRLS' LEAGUE

DEANNA LAMBERT, *Treasurer*
BECKY ROOF, *Vice-President*
PATSY JO GILLEY, *President*
NANCY KILBURN, *Secretary*

"Getting Acquainted" was the theme used by the Sophomore Girls' League this year. At the first meeting Mr. George Hill, a well-known, local psychologist, spoke to the group on getting acquainted with themselves. Miss Patricia Cabral and Miss Daisy Kshibashi from Hawaii spoke to the girls about their native land and its customs. A special feature in December was the arrival of Santa Claus. During January the girls were busy planning a dance which was held in the gym on February 6. The last event of the year was a picnic to acquaint the girls with nature.

SOPHOMORES

In September more than four hundred sophomores descended upon the halls of M.H.S. As the year progressed they began to emerge from the classification of "en masse" and each began to take on his own individuality.

The first organization formed to acquaint the sophomore girls with their surroundings was the Sophomore Girls' League under the helpful guidance of Miss Mabel E. Eldridge.

A new club formed this year by Mrs. Akerman to teach the "budding" dramatists the fundamentals of acting was the "Middie Footlighters." Our first play, "Wildcat Willie Carves The Turkey," was presented in assembly. Our class play, "Mother Was A Freshman," has been chosen and promises to be one of the best dramatic performances of the year.

Next year when as juniors we help the newcomers to get acquainted, may we never forget our year as the "bewildered sophs."

Nancy Keezer, John Feledy, Don Davies, Eugenia Kunze.

Kenny Helfman, Deanna Salome, David Higham, Connie Brown, Jimmie Butch, Margaret Fiessinger.

Frank Jones, Jack Sizer, Nelson Steinmetz, Skeeter Hackney.

SOPHOMORES

Row 1 — Ruth Achberger, Bill Alder, Marilyn Aldridge, Allan Alexander, Dick Alexander, Bettie Allen, Bill Allen, Barbara Armitage.

Row 2 — Pat Arnold, Bob Ashley, Bob Back, Earl Bailey, Loretta Barker, Larry Baker, Paul Baker, Phyllis Ann Ballinger.

Row 3 — Sue Balser, Grover Cleveland Banks, Dave Barker, Eleanor Mae Barker, Art Baker, Phyllis Barker, Eric Barnes, Ruth Barnett.

Row 4 — Jo-Ed Bechtel, Susan Bell, Johnnie Birchfield, Norita Bishop, Lloyd Blackmore, JoAnn Blevins, Joann Boomershine, Barbara Faye Bowling.

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Row 8 — Janet Callahan, Frank Capozzi, John Carmody, David Carr, Janet Carr, Polly Carroll, Norma Carter, Philip Carter.

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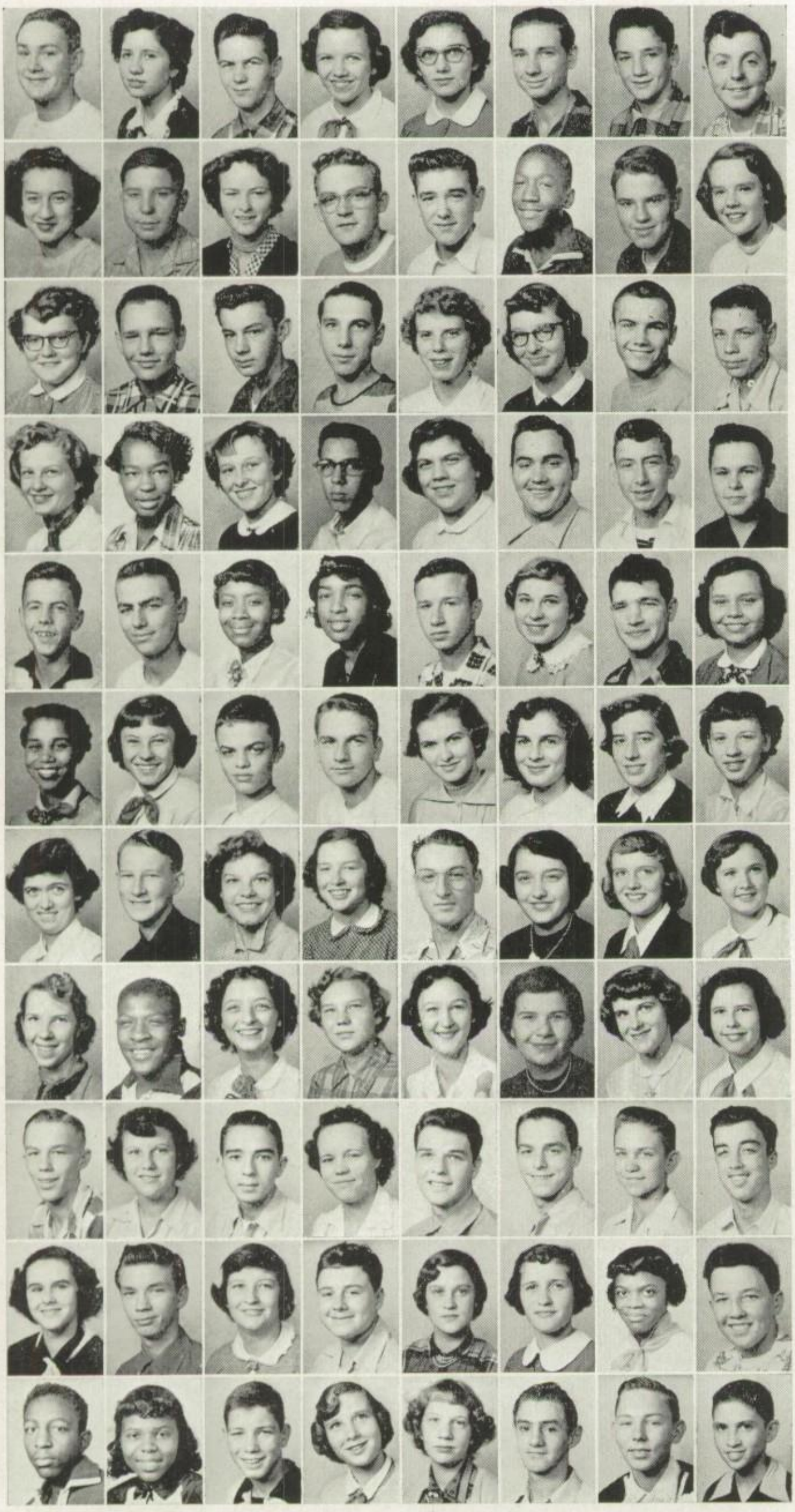

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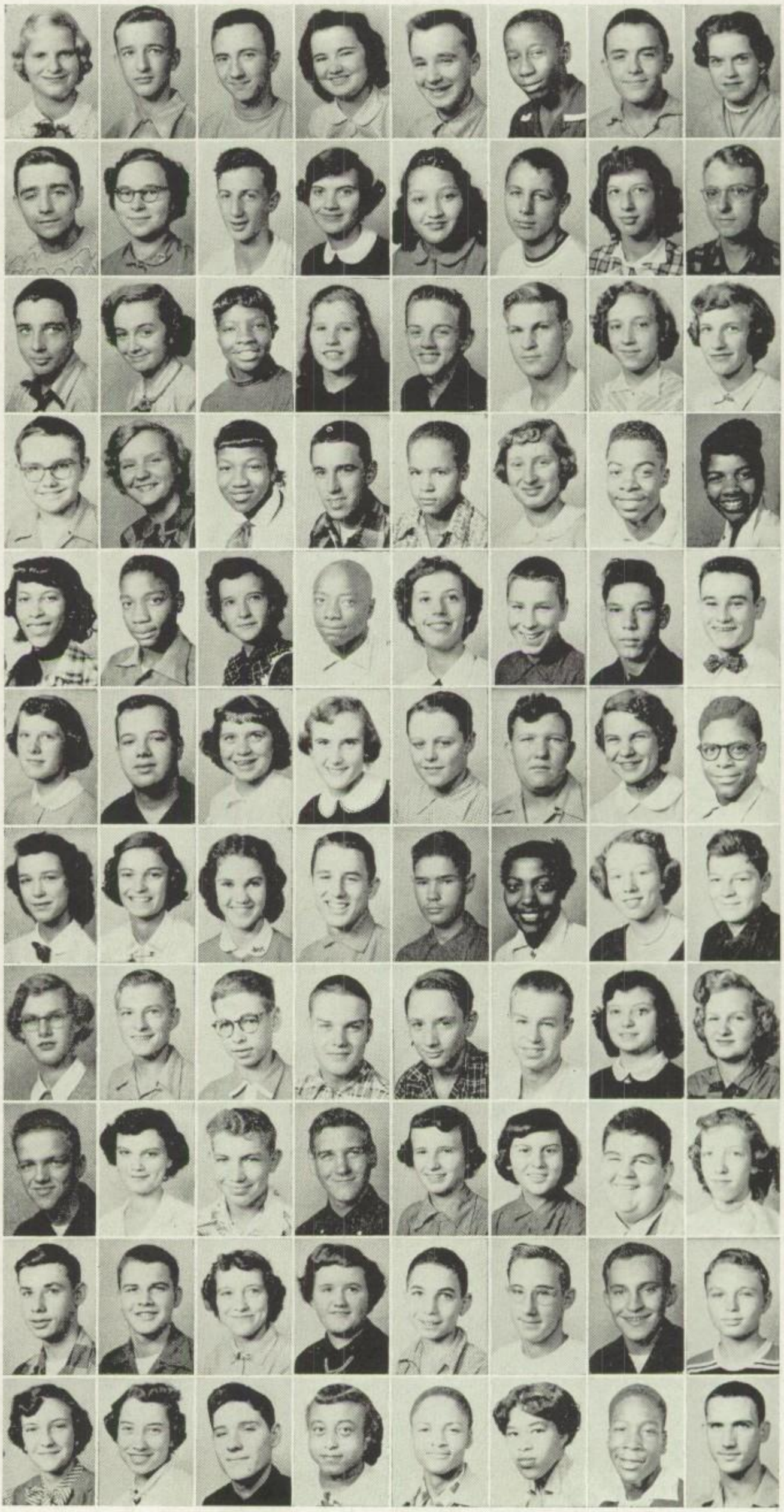

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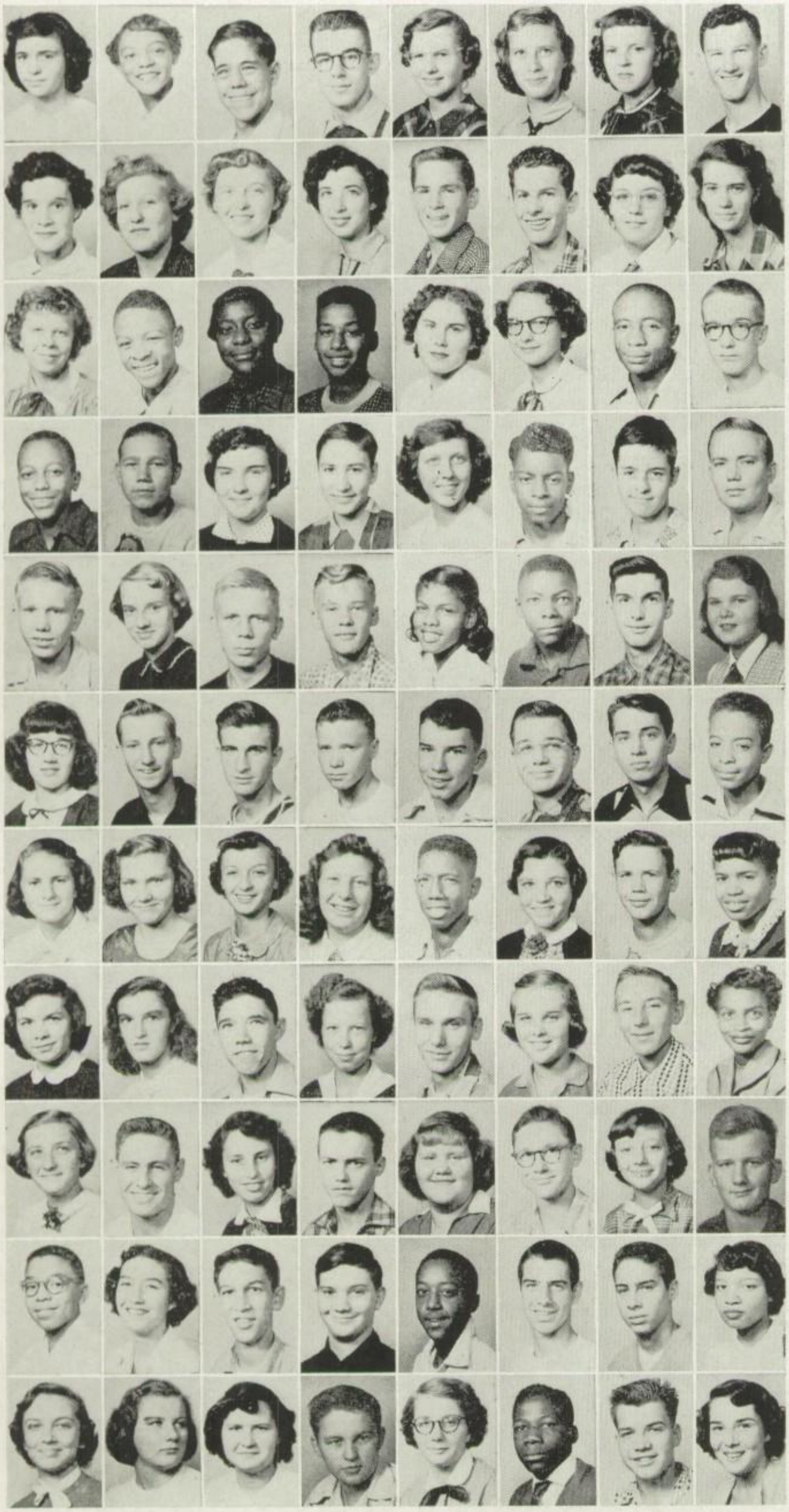

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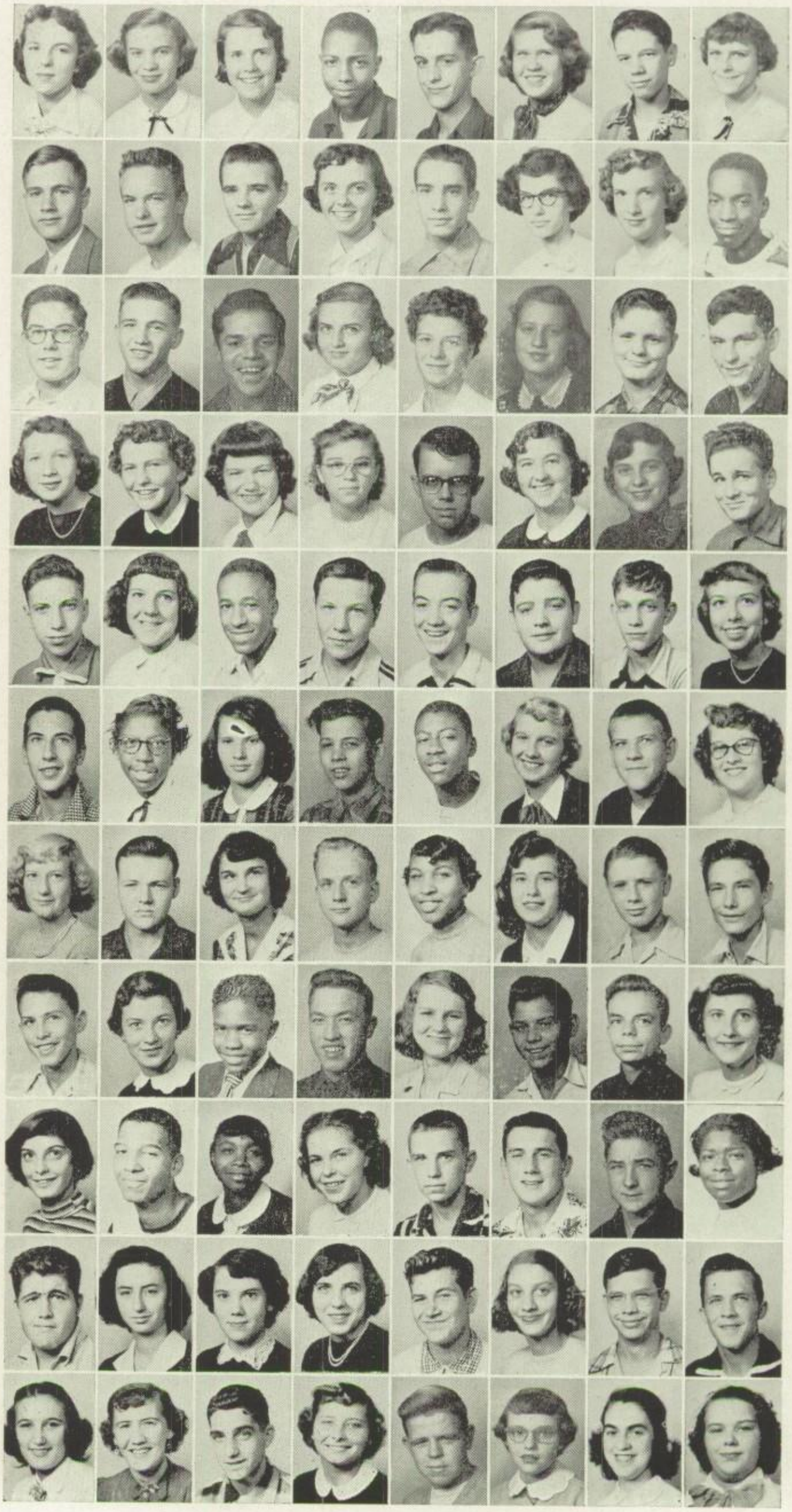

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THE LUCKIEST KIDS IN THE WORLD

AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

Richard Jones
Miss Veda McCray
Carolyn Cribbs

OPTIMIST

Ten weary, but happy students hurry down the steps and out the M. H. S. doors as the clock strikes five-thirty. What have they been doing? Well, among their jaunts around school since 3:05 they have hunted John to get the keys so they can wrap the package for the engraver, dashed to the gym to ask the guys if they know the boy in this picture, rushed some new write-ups to the printer, planned pictures, helped Mac take pictures and made countless trips to their cubby-hole overlooking the town. All this was done to produce this Optimist.

With "Pooka" (Miss McCray) constantly answering questions, figuring pictures, and adding encouragement at the dark moments, the major staff soon learned the problems and delights in working on a yearbook. These editors were always alert for a picture or story, and once one was spotted, it was doomed, as there was no way out.

Starting in October, Patty began to match names with faces, and Gwynne, to learn the future hopes of each senior. Don passed out his little green books, while David began pacing the streets. Meanwhile Eddie was deciding which football shot was best and Janet had her paint-brush out for some clever ideas. Mac was always ready for one of La Wanda's or Ruthie's last minute brainstorms and faithful Marian Wolter kept at her typewriter till the articles were complete. The main and most important cogs in the wheel - Pooka, Carolyn, and Dick - round out the "luckiest staff in the world."

Sitting: Eddie Mynhier, Athletics; David Young, Advertising; Carolyn Cribbs, Co-editor; Richard Jones, Co-editor; Patty McCandless, Class.
Standing: Gwynne Finkleman, Literary; Janet Thompson, Art; LaWanda Mockbee, Features; Miss Veda McCray, Adviser; Ruthie Moorman, Activities; Donald Gill, Circulation.

FEATURE STAFF

Coralie Weikel; Jim Cahill; Barbara Withers; La Wanda Mockbee, editor; Joanne Brooks; Ted Olt.

Deciding the outstanding characteristics of each class was one of the Feature Staff's problems. With the aid of a few students from each of the three classes, the final decisions were made. The staff also had the task of planning the opening section which tells why we are the "luckiest kids in the world."

CLASS STAFF

Cleo Garofalos, Jean Hambleton, Carol Bauer, Lois Helsinger, Florence Thress, Pat McCandless, editor.

Patience was essential to the jolly group cutting, pasting, and tagging pictures as the Class Staff arranged the students of MHS in their proper places. Checking the file to see if a name has one or two "r's" and drawing the proper lines, along with the many other small tasks, kept the group busy.

LITERARY STAFF

Sitting: Norma Bailey, Patty Hollon, Aida Aronoff, Mildred Baker, Nancy Miller.
Standing: Kiki Demetrion, Gerald Ragland, Jean Shaul, Gwynne Finkleman, editor.

"It's done, it's done," screamed Gwynne as she ran into 205. "It," of course, referred to the class prophecy. After learning each senior's future plans, the Literary Staff settled down in 206 to write the class prophecy. Having already completed the Class Poem and the Last Will and Testament, the staff felt as though they were on the last leg of their task.

ACTIVITIES STAFF

Mary Evelyn Watson, Juanita Brewer, Pat Tinley, Joyce Parr, Louise Hall, Bea Getz, Patti Nixon, Ruthie Moorman, editor.

A sudden flash and the sound of running footsteps often left MHS students startled and bewildered. Is there a fire? No, 'tis only a member of the Activities Staff rounding up the officers of some group or other to have a picture taken. Constantly yelling to faithful Mac and checking to see if the pictures were horizontal or vertical were on this staff's schedule along with writing, rewriting, and then starting all over again.

ART STAFF

This staff gathered their paint brushes, paint, rulers, and paper together to make the drawings for the Optimist. Pennants, a horseshoe, clover leaves, and other items depicting luck were planned by the members of the Art Staff to further aid the theme of this book.

Kay Adams; Lowell Barnhart; Bill Hilz; Janet Thomson, editor; Tom White.

ATHLETIC STAFF

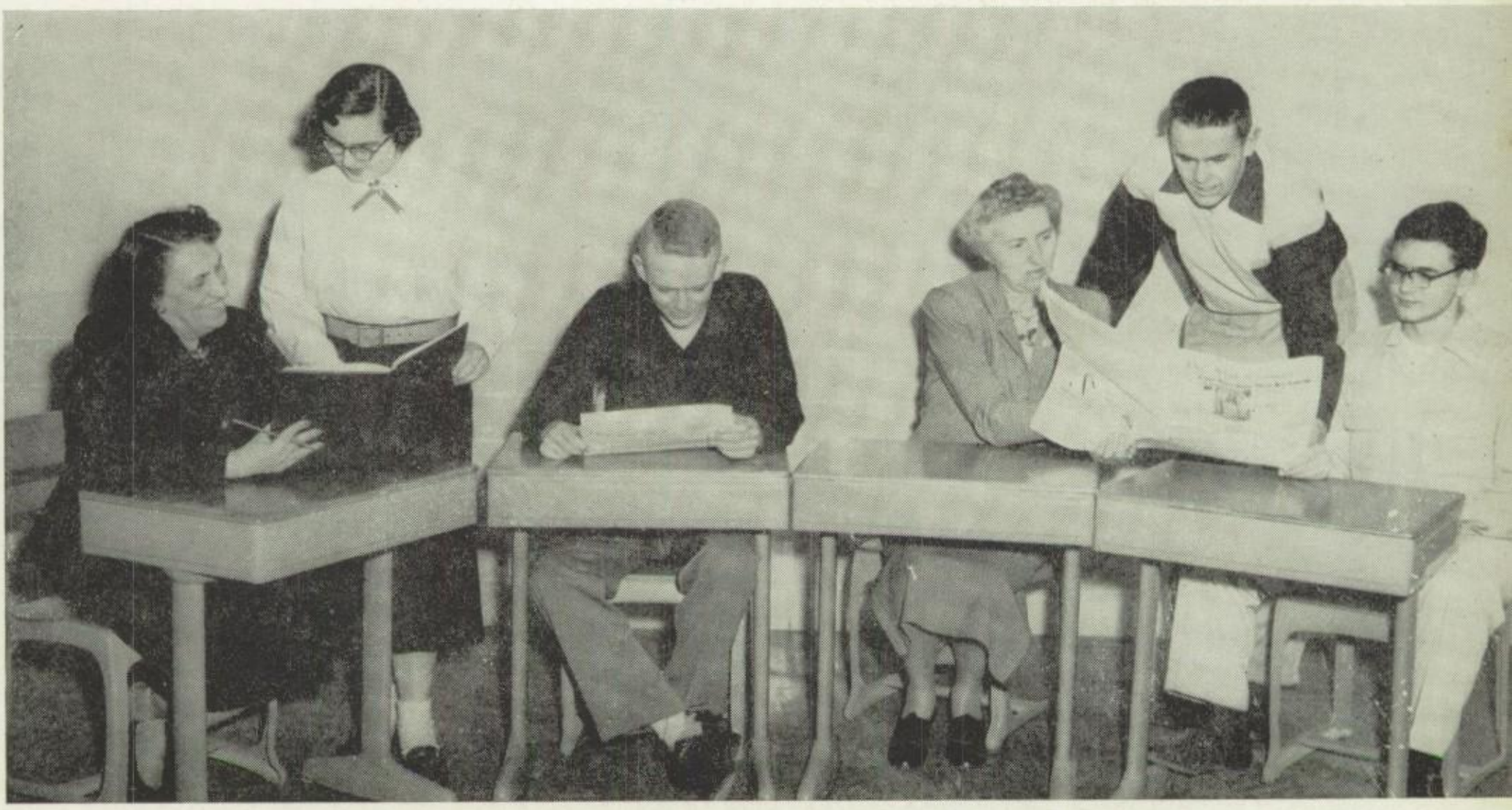
Among the many problems of the Athletic Staff was to decide how many pages to save for the basketball tournament. Since they feared it would bring bad luck to save too many, only four pages were saved. This staff had the job of arranging all of the sports in their proper order. Herman Block especially spent long hours writing up basketball games.

Julian Kindred; Marilyn Fitzgerald; Herman Block; Eddie Mynhier, editor; Skeeter Payne; Jo Davison; Tom Dillman.

ADVERTISING STAFF

Blisters, aches and pains, and the satisfaction of getting a new advertiser were among the experiences of the Advertising Staff. Leaving no section of the town unexplored, this staff canvassed all the businesses until they sold their quota. Because of their efforts the 1953 Optimist will be a financial success.

1st Row — Bob Livzey, Shirley Duncan, David Young, editor.
2nd Row — Benny Weaver, Terry Sams, Tom McDonald, Roger Shafer.
3rd Row — Tom Roper, Charles Stiles.



Miss Veda McCray, adviser; Carolyn Cribbs; Dan Hayes, secretary-treasurer; Miss Mabel Eldridge, adviser; Charles Feledy, president; Pete Carruthers, vice-president.

QUILL AND SCROLL

Quill and Scroll, a national honorary society for high school journalists, was founded to promote higher standards of writing in secondary school publications. The Middletown High School contingent of the organization was in 1949 given the name of the Joseph S. Myers Chapter because of Mr. Myers' outstanding work in the journalistic field and interest in budding writers. A former columnist for the Middletown Journal, he founded the School of Journalism at Ohio State University.

To qualify for membership in the society, the aspirant must have exhibited some outstanding ability on either the Middletonian or the Optimist, the two student publications of MHS. He must also rank scholastically in the upper one-third of his class, be of good moral character, and be recommended by both local advisers and the national secretary of the organization.

Miss Mabel E. Eldridge, Middletonian adviser, and Miss Veda McCray, adviser of the Optimist, serve as the sponsors of the local group. MHS officers include Charles Feledy, president; Pete Carruthers, vice-president; Dan Hayes, secretary-treasurer. Other Quill and Scroll members in Middletown High School are Norma Bailey, Jo Davison, Gwynne Finkleman, Aida Aronoff, and Carolyn Cribbs. Additional students were initiated the latter part of May at the home of Miss Eldridge.

Sitting: Norma Bailey, Feature; Charles Feledy, Editor; Pat Davis, Circulation.
Standing: Pete Carruthers, Assistant Editor; Gerald Ragland, Managing Editor; Nancy Lee Yocom, News; Dan Hayes, Sports.

MIDDLETONIAN

Scoops and snoops! The first are what the Middletonian tried to put out every issue, and the second, the brow-beaten instruments used to get them! For the sake of journalism, reporters roamed the halls from September till May, digging for those important facts which met the readers' eyes every other Tuesday. Editors even endured joy-rides before dawn to the Franklin Chronicle where the Middletonian is printed, a duty which endeared the paper to them tremendously. In the driver's seat, both in the trusty little Chevrolet used for the journeys to Franklin and in the editor's chair, was Charles Feledy, backed by the unfaltering guidance of Miss Mabel Eldridge, adviser for the paper. Together with a talented staff and hard-working reporters, they brought to MHS the best in news, features, and sports accounts.

Charles Feledy, Miss Mabel Eldridge

SPORTS STAFF

Gathered around Dan Hayes, author of "Hayes' Haystack," to learn which games they'll cover next are these faithfuls of the Sports Staff who all worked together to bring accurate accounts of the "Middie Magic" to avid readers of the ever-popular page three.

Jo Davison, Lynn Hayes, Dan Hayes, Julian Kindred.

FEATURE STAFF

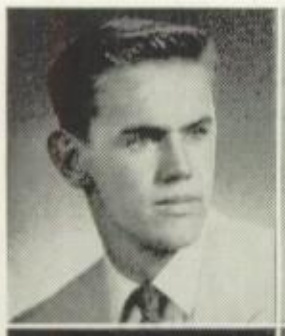
"Must be turned in by Monday!" Such dire warnings against late assignments by Editor Norma Bailey kept the members of the Middletonian Feature Staff on their toes. These writers, always on the alert for the unique and unusual in school life, were responsible for filling the second page with, among other things, the pictures of mystery hands which puzzled MHS readers bi-weekly.

Terry Sams, Rosa Jane Cusano, Norma Bailey, Tom Hopkins.

NEWS STAFF

Boss Nancy Yocom watches with approval, as one of her proteges conducts an interview. Running the gamut from "hot tips" to routine coverage, these efficient reporters worked hard to satisfy the demands of various groups deserving publicity and to keep their readers up-to-date on the news of the MHS and the local community.

Nancy Yocom, Pat Cogan, Earl Mack, Aida Aronoff.



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Florence Thress

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

When they were chosen to comprise this year's first contingent of the National Honor Society last November, fifteen happy students realized that hard work truly does bring great honor. This group was elected on the bases of scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service. Elected president was Charles Feledy, editor of the Middletonian, president of Miami Hi-Y, and a delegate to both Boys' State and the World Affairs Institute. Jean Hambleton was chosen vice-president with Gwynne Finkleman, secretary. This is purely an honorary organization, since it is not active around school.

"This morning we are going to induct twenty-six members into the National Honor Society to join the ranks of the fifteen selected in November. This is no small honor, for this organization is not only nation-wide, but also world-wide." When Charles Feledy said these words a silence fell over the MHS auditorium as all listened to an informative speech telling what N. H. S. truly is. An impressive tapping ceremony, in which the fifteen former members designated the lucky students by touching their shoulders with a purple and white wand, brought the thrilled students to the stage. This addition rounded out the 1953 National Honor Society group, slightly less than fifteen per cent of the senior class. Students representing the various clubs and organizations active at MHS were chosen for membership. Selection is based on a student's merit in the fields of service, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship during his three years in high school.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

1st Row — Gwynne Finkleman, Cleo Garofalos, Joanna Hershner, Aida Aronoff, Jean Breitenbecher, Coralie Weikel, Carol Maier, Jean Hambleton.

2nd Row — Norma Bailey, Nancy Miller, Barbara Withers, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Lois Helsinger, Carol Bauer.

3rd Row — Herman Block, Pete Carruthers, Ted Olt, Gerald Cottongim, David Young, Phil Ramsey.

4th Row — Dan Hayes, Ben Weaver, Gerald Ragland, Ed Cross, Don Schneider, Lowell Barnhart, Lee Saylor, Charles Feledy.

Last year, as in the past, sixteen boys were chosen from the junior class to attend the American Legion-sponsored Buckeye Boys' State, which was to be held during the second week of June. It was scheduled for Camp Perry in northern Ohio near Toledo, where the boys were to spend the week in practical experiences of government. At Boys' State the fellows always elect their own officials and form a "state" which they divide into cities and counties so that every boy has a governmental position of some type.

Last year the fellows were chosen early in the spring by the teachers and the American Legion, and most of them were working the trip into their summer schedule. Then the sad news came when the Cincinnati Enquirer reported that there would be no Buckeye Boys' State this year, for Camp Perry had been flooded; that it would take some time to clear the camp for use; and that there was no other spot adequate for the purpose, especially at so late a date.

With that news the Boys' State candidates ceased to anticipate an all-expense paid trip to Camp Perry and retained only the memory of being chosen. These boys, however, deep in their hearts, will always cherish the thought that they were so honored, even if the fates prohibited them from exercising the privilege of attending and learning more about their government.

BOYS' STATE

1st Row — Lacy King, Ed Mynhier, Tom Dillman, Tom Harmon, Paul Johnson, Dorsie Blankenship.
2nd Row — Gerald Ragland, Charles Feledy, Richard Jones, Terry Sams, Bill Hilz.
3rd Row — Phil Ramsey, Talt Kendrick.
4th Row — Tom Roper, Pete Carruthers, Benny Weaver.

Kiki Demetrion, Patty McCandless, Joyce Parr, Ruthie Moorman.

GIRLS' STATE

"A chartered bus will leave Cincinnati, 322 Broadway, on Saturday, June 21, at 1:00 P.M. and arrive at Columbus at 4:00 P.M." These were the words received by four enthusiastic junior girls a few weeks before they were to board this bus headed for Capital University.

The summer of 1952 was the fourth year that Middletown sent representatives to Buckeye Girls' State. The trips for the girls were made possible by the Middletown Federation of Women's Clubs, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, and the Phi Beta Psi Sorority. The object was to learn by putting into practice the functions of city, county, and state governments.

The busy week of campaigning, elections, speeches, and the inauguration found the Middletown delegates actively taking part in everything. Included also in the activities were a trip through the Capitol, tea at the Governor's Mansion, a formal banquet, a picnic, talks with government officials, talent shows, and various other things all adding up to an enjoyable and informative seven days.

Ruthie Moorman
Joyce Parr
Patty McCandless
Kiki Demetrion

Ruthie Moorman
Dick LeForce
Joyce Parr
Kiki Demetrion

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council, the student governing body of MHS, is composed of thirty members elected at the beginning of the year, ten being chosen from each class. The officers for the year were Joyce Parr, president; Dick LeForce, vice-president; Ruthie Moorman, secretary; Talt Kendrick, treasurer; Kiki Demetrion, sergeant at arms. Among the various projects set up for the year were the sending of medicine to a former student from Greece, placing shelves in the girls' restrooms, raising money to help the organ fund, and selling purple and white shakers to the enthusiastic basketball fans.

Aida Aronoff Ed Cross

The Council staged a well-attended dance following the dedication of the Wade E. Miller Gym with the help of Miss Ellen Easton and Mr. Lawrence Johnson. Candidates chosen for the king and queen were seniors Aida Aronoff, Mildred Baker, Ed Cross, and Charles Hawkins; juniors Sally Duane, Nancy Yocom, Benny McIntire, and Seth Howard; sophomores Nancy Kilburn, Nancy Purvis, Kenny Helfman, and Jo-Ed Bechtel. During the intermission Ed Cross and Aida Aronoff were named the royal couple.

YOUTH FORUM

Dan Hayes, treasurer

Talt Kendrick, president

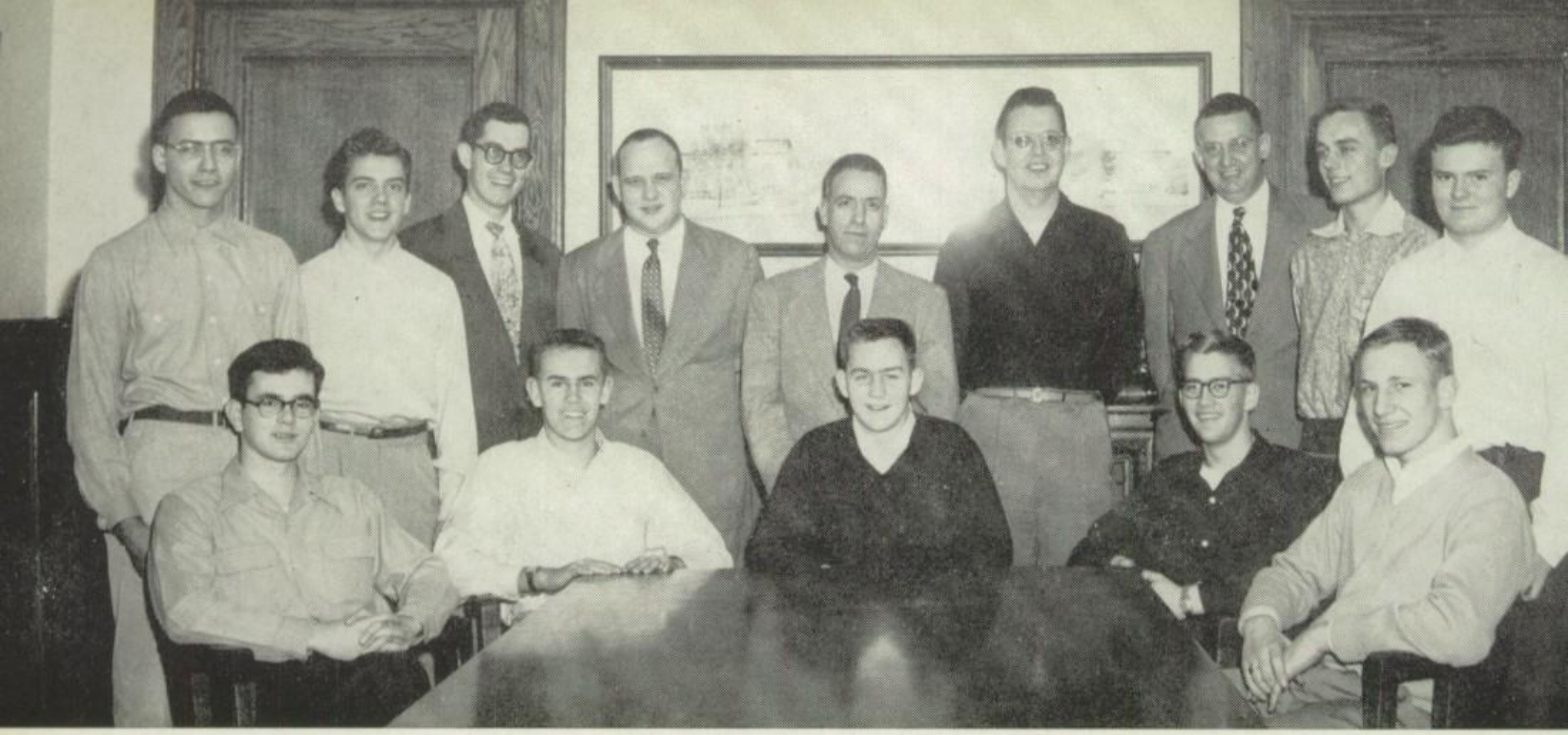
Joyce Parr, vice-president

Carolyn Cribbs, secretary

Never in our history has it been so important that the youth of our country be educated in world affairs. The Youth Forum under the leadership of H. H. Lawrence gives students an opportunity to learn more about and discuss with their classmates the problems of the world of today. This being a presidential election year, the Youth Forum sponsored a "mock" election for the students and faculty of Middletown High School. Although it was a close ballot, General Eisenhower won over his opponent, Mr. Stevenson. The students also elected state officials and decided that there should not be a constitutional convention.

A Forum-sponsored magazine drive in November netted for several members of the group partial payment for their trip to Washington over Easter. Several hundred dollars' worth of Crowell-Collier magazines were sold, with Carolyn Cribbs proving to be the star saleslady; she received a prize of one dollar. Chairman of the drive was Nancy Miller who co-ordinated the activities of the three competing teams.

Nancy Miller, Eileen Bishop, Pat Burns.



1st Row — Pete Carruthers; Charles Feledy, vice-president; Talt Kendrick, president; Bill Hogg, secretary; Tom Dillman, treasurer.

2nd Row — Chris Revelos, Ken Naudin, Mac Tobias, Harold Tanner, Harry ter Braak, Bill Brooks, Louis Brown, Art Draut, Bob Geis.

HI-Y COUNCIL

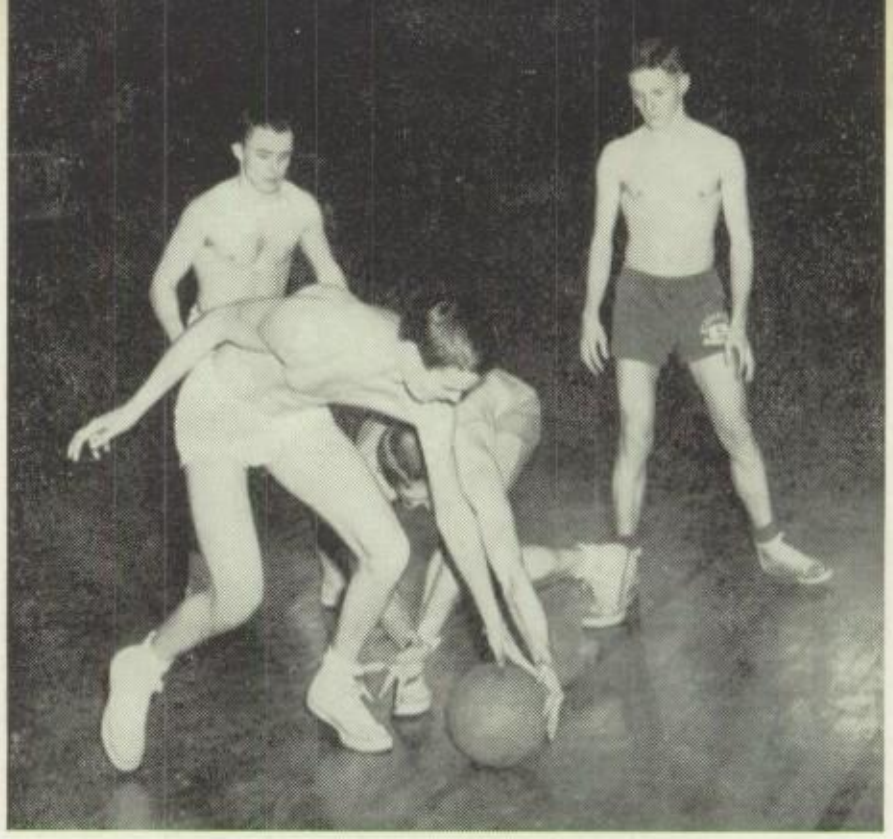
The governing body of the Middletown Hi-Y is a group composed of a representative from each club and its respective president. Talt Kendrick of Miami heads the group which plans the homecoming celebration, appropriates money for charitable purposes, and sets the dates and rules for Hi-Y basketball and football leagues.

The basketball and touch football leagues are organized every year with the individual clubs competing. Final winners' names are engraved on trophies placed in the boys' lobby at the YMCA. This year Miami Triangle won the football honor. In basketball each club has an A team and a B team so that all boys have a chance to participate. The games were held in the old Middie Gym and Panther was the winner in both divisions.

The Hi-Y meetings begin with a joint worship service by the boys, who then go to their individual clubs for business meetings and programs. Joint meetings are held whenever an outstanding speaker or film can be secured. Each club is allowed to have its own activities, such as hayrides and joint meetings with Y-Teens, if approved by the Council. The Hi-Y's also sponsor the dances each Friday evening at the YMCA.

Basketball League

In Action



HI-Y

INDUCTION

Each year in the middle of November the local Hi-Y inducts sophomores and others who have expressed their desire to join in the fellowship of Hi-Y meetings. The most important requirement for joining Hi-Y is practicing and maintaining the ideals of Hi-Y. The formal induction service is meaningful and one long-remembered by all former and new members of Hi-Y. The program, led by all presidents, is centered around a guest speaker. This year the Rev. Sidney McCammon of the Church of the Ascension presented a very inspiring message. The boys repeat the Hi-Y pledge and receive the Hi-Y pin which serves as a lasting reminder of the ideals.

Harry ter Braak, Bill Hogg, Tom Dillman, Pete Carruthers, Rev. Sidney McCammon, Buddy Bratton, Charles Hawkins, Charles Feledy.

Ruthie Moorman, Bob Rock, Lowell Barnhart, Jean Hambleton, LaWanda Mockbee, Dan Hayes, Carolyn Cribbs, Buddy Bratton, Barbara Withers, Don Schneider.

One of the highlights of the year was the formal Y-Teen Sweetheart Dance attended by the senior members and their dates. Don Schneider reigned as Sweetheart King of Y-Teens. Other candidates were Buddy Bratton, Tom Harmon, Dan Hayes, Bob Rock and Edward Payne.

Y-TEENS

The Y-Teens are closely affiliated with the many varied civic events of this community and school. During the year they are active in polio and cancer drives, buddy poppies, and forget-me-nots. Trees are wrapped for Arbor Day. Food baskets are given to needy families by the individual groups on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Other projects include sending candy bars to Europe, decorating the school Christmas tree, selling carnations for Spanish War Veterans, and selling lillies for crippled children on Easter Seal Day. Y-Teen girls spend many hours in the Gift Nook of the Middletown Hospital and gain a feeling of satisfaction and happiness by contributing their time and efforts to others.

Clockwise:

LaWanda Mockbee
Mildred Baker
Ruthie Moorman
Liddy Harpring
Cleo Garofalos
Gaye Doster
Kathleen Keller
Jean Hambleton
Pat McCandless
Bea Getz
Joyce Parr
Kiki Demetrion
Carolyn Cribbs
Marilyn Fitzgerald
Florence Thress
Lynn Hayes
Susan Rupp
Shirley Duncan
Pat Tinley
Barbara Withers
Pat Hollon

Y-TEEN INITIATION

In an impressive candlelight service in December ninety-eight girls were initiated into Y-Teens, making the total membership two hundred sixty-five. Each senior was given a Little Sis, a sophomore, with whom she corresponded anonomously. In the spring a Big and Little Sis Party was held and the Sis's identity was disclosed.

The Y-Teens are composed of seven triangles — Gamma, Iota, Rho, Lambda, Sigma, Epsilon, and Omega. The presidents and program chairmen of the triangles constitute the Cabinet, which plans the joint meetings of the year. The Y-Teen Council consists of community women who are interested in the Y-Teens. This year they worked especially hard in assisting in the planning and preparation of the World Fellowship program and the Mother and Daughter Tea.

Barbara Withers
Ruthie Moorman
Gaye Doster
LaWanda Mockbee
Jean Hambleton
Susan Rupp
Carolyn Cribbs

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The Junior Classical League experienced acute growing pains in 1953. The local chapter of J.C.L. took in fifty members to carry on the torch of classical civilization in the modern world. Together with the former members they journeyed to Delaware April 17, to attend the Third State J.C.L. Convention presided over by Richard Jones, succeeding as president Jeri Kindred, first president of the state organization and also a Middletonian.

The various state organizations will meet in June for their First National Planning Convention with Miss Veda McCray as general chairman at Miami University for three days which will probably go down in history as the First National J.C.L. Convention.

LATIN BANQUET

Stepping right foot first Latin students entered the banquet hall for the annual Latin banquet. Togas were the vogue that night with a few colorful stolas dotting the scene. After shoes had been removed and an offering made to the gods, the feast was brought into the hall by a number of slaves. Delving into the tender morsels and washing them down with wine (Welch's Grape Juice) the diners were entertained by dancers and singers, along with several skits which added the finishing touches to a delightful evening. The slaves, having served the modern Romans and furnished them with water to wash their hands, replaced their sandals as a night in Old Rome came to a close.

Richard Mather, consul; Charles Feledy, slave.

Treasurer, Hugh Palmer
Secretary, Charlotte Ferguson
President, Shirley Armitage
Vice President, Judy Sander

JUNIOR LITERARY CLUB

The Junior Literary Club, under the direction of Mrs. Nevin Smucker, studied American authors and American ideals at their regular meetings. Several dramatizations were presented, of which the most outstanding was "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Among the other activities was a bake sale to raise money for some worthy project to be selected in May.

MIDDIE FOOTLIGHTERS

A new organization this year under the direction of Mrs. John Akerman was the Middie Footlighters. Any sophomore who had a yen for the dramatic arts might belong to this group, which is a stepping stone toward National Thespians. The Thanksgiving assembly, "Wildcat Willie Carves the Turkey," was their first public presentation. Another well-performed production was "Cleaned and Pressed," given at one of their regular meetings. This year's officers were Deanna Lambert, president; Kenny Helfman, vice-president; Patsy Jo Gilley, secretary; Ann Downing, treasurer.

Joyce Parr, Talt Kendrick, Aida Aronoff, Skip Ramsey.

DEBATE

The Middletown High School debate team under the leadership of Mrs. John Akerman has been very successful this year in the tournaments throughout the state. A total of the results from the practice tournaments shows forty-three wins and sixteen losses. The B team composed of Dick Jones, Sheila Rogers, Joyce Hackney, Pat Cogan, Shelby Velte, Bill Rush, Nancy Berkey, and Carol Heller, won third place in the Ohio High School Speech League tournament at Wyoming. The A team took first place at the State National Forensic League tournament, which placing qualified the members of the A team to go to the National Speech tournament to be held at Denver, Colorado, in June.

RESOLVED: That the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

The National Forensic League is an organization for the advancement of speech. Membership is open to all students who show interest and gain twenty points through competitive contests. Out of twenty-five entrants in individual events in National Forensic League practice meets, five won district honors and participated in the state meet: Kenneth Blount (first in Western Ohio in Dramatic Declamation), John Hurston, Tom Kemp, Florence Thress, and Benny Weaver (representing Southwestern Ohio District). Others winning entrance to the district meet were Darlene Largent, George Ritter, and Bert Sheard. Florence Powell is coach of individual events and sponsor of the local N. F. L. chapter.

Aida Aronoff, vice-president; Benny Weaver, scribe; Florence Thress, president; Marjorie Hawkins, secretary; John Hurston, treasurer.

The annual favorite, "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, was presented for the Yuletide chapel to a receptive audience. Scrooge was well portrayed by Bill Hilz, Bob Cratchit by Ben McIntire, and Scrooge's nephew by Dick McIntire.

NATIONAL THESPIANS

The National Thespians Society was established at MHS in November, 1948. Students are granted membership for having performed meritoriously in dramatic arts and having met the membership qualifications and standards of their respective troupes.

A fitting climax to the activities of the year was the very impressive initiation service in March. The Oriental play, "The Romance of the Willow Pattern," was interpreted at the close of the initiation.

1st Row — Juanita Brewer, vice-president; Ben Weaver, clerk; Jean Hambleton, recording secretary.

2nd Row — Aida Aronoff, treasurer; Bill Hilz, president; Miss Florence Powell, adviser; Gwynne Finkleman, corresponding secretary.

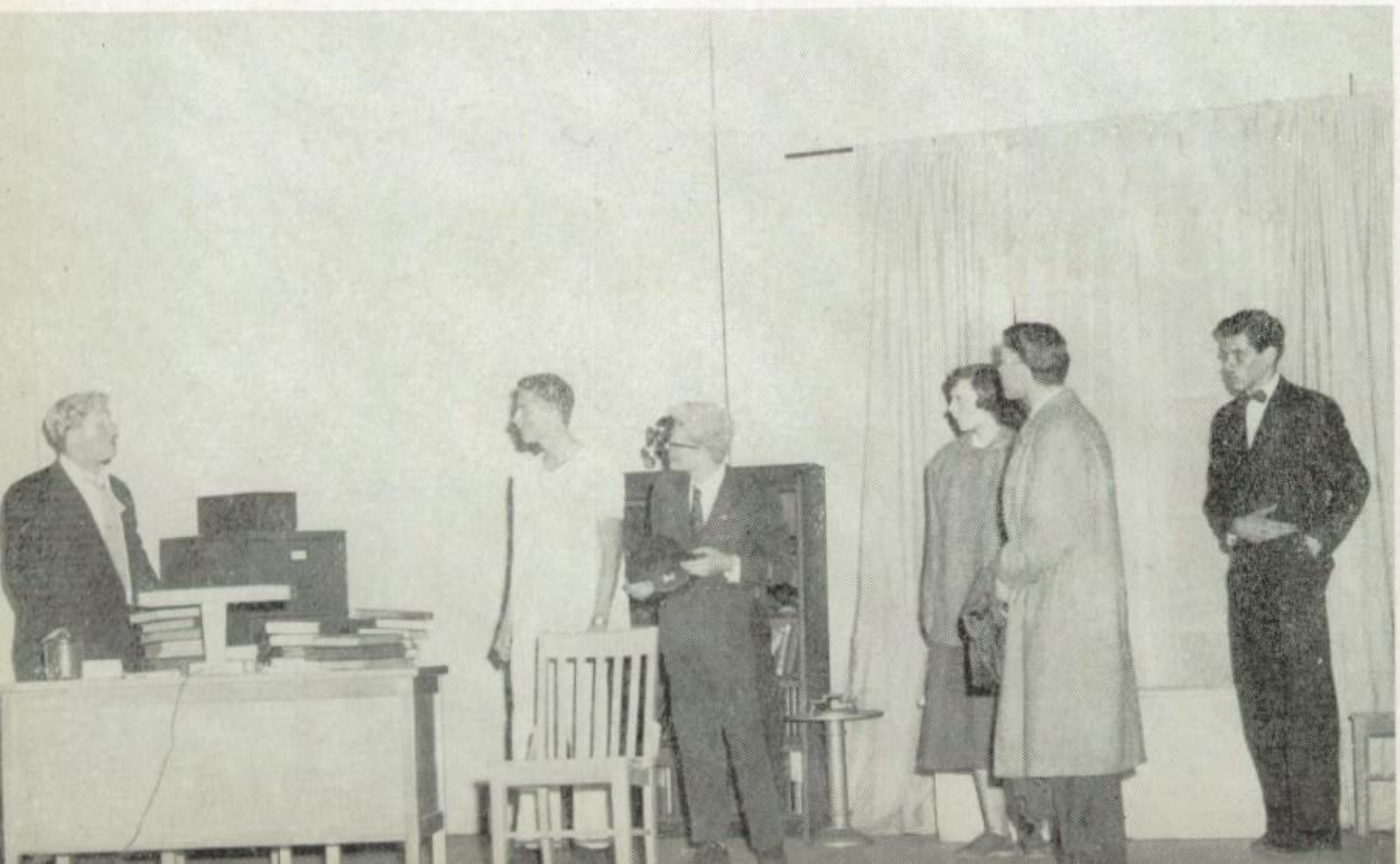
HARVEY

1953 SENIOR PLAY

Mary Chase's three-act comedy "Harvey" directed by Miss Florence Powell revolves around Elwood P. Dowd (Bill Hilz), who sees the apparition of an invisible six feet three and a half inch rabbit and introduces it to all of his sister's friends.

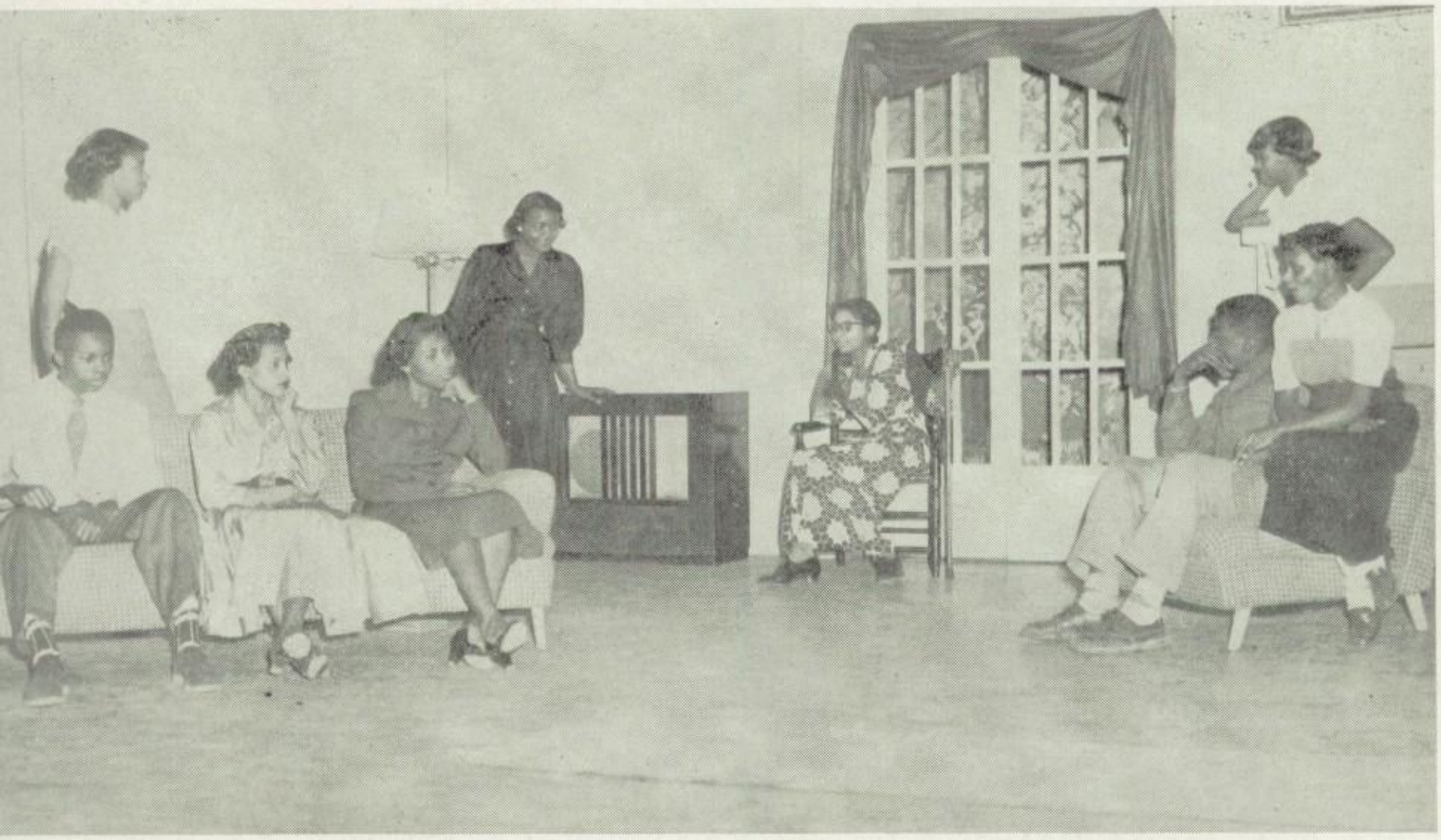
His sister Veta (Aida Aronoff) and her daughter Myrtle Mae (Florence Thress) are trying desperately to gain a place in society. After Elwood introduces Harvey to their aunt, Mrs. Chauvenet (Joyce Parr), and to the maid (Jean Hambleton), Veta resolves to have Elwood "put away". With the help of the Judge (Phil Ramsey) they send Elwood and Harvey to Chumley's Rest Home operated by Dr. and Mrs. Chumley (Benny Weaver and Gwynne Finkleman), where Elwood meets Dr. Sanderson (Tom Roper) and Ruth Kelly (Joanna Hershner), and Myrtle meets Wilson (Tom White). Comedy reaches a climax when Veta is mistakenly placed in the Rest Home instead of her brother.

After Veta realizes that without Harvey her brother, who has been a kind, considerate and loving person, will be, as the taxi driver (Tom McDonald) puts it, "like other people," she prevents the doctors from giving Elwood an injection which would rid him of the apparition.



DUNHAM CLUB PLAY

The 1953 production of the Dunham Club was "Coveralls," a three-act comedy which centers around the Stillman family. Mr. Stillman (John Hurston) is busy running for Mayor and Mrs. Stillman (Mildred Baker) is very worried because her daughter Susan (Daisy East) is falling in love with Walter Brant (Howard Watson), a mechanic. No one sympathizes with Susan except Grandma Stillman (Pat Tinley), who is constantly airing her various likes and dislikes.



Mrs. Morrison (Charlotte Ferguson), one of Mrs. Stillman's best friends, is desperately attempting to maneuver a marriage between her daughter, Patricia (Ellen McCarty), and Alexander Stillman (John Watson). The maid Irene (Eloise Dupee) proves to be an extremely out-spoken person. Right before he is to make a most important speech Mr. Stillman loses his voice and Walter saves the day by finding a recording of the speech. Mrs. Stillman then realizes that maybe Walter won't be such a bad son-in-law after all.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

"That Brewster Boy," a three act comedy, was presented by the junior class under the direction of Miss Dorothy Johnson. Pee Wee (Ben McIntire) who is very shy with girls and Joey Brewster (Dick McIntire) whose sweetheart is Minerva Mitchell (Linda Tieman) devise a plan wherein they write to Bonnie Bates, alias, Dear Alone in the World (LaVonne Fugett). Pee Wee sends Bonnie a picture of Mr. Brewster (Bill Rush) and when Bonnie sees that he's an older man she decides he will be a good companion for her mother, Elsa Bates (Joyce Hackney). Bonnie goes to the Brewster house to claim Dad Brewster. Joey and Pee Wee hide her in the closet, which plays a large part in the mix-up. Elsa Bates, who, incidently, is an old sweetheart of Dad Brewster, comes to the Brewster household in search of Bonnie. While she is talking to Mrs. Brewster (Nancy Berkey), it is revealed that Mr. Brewster has had lunch with Mrs. Bates. He comes home and finds himself in the doghouse, although he has secretly planned a party for his wife. Nancy Brewster (Sally O'Friel) and Phil Hayworth (George Ritter) are young lovers who learn by the arrival of Phil's grandmother (Carol West) that love does not always run smoothly. After a lot of explaining everyone realizes the whole affair was a mistake which taught each one a lesson.

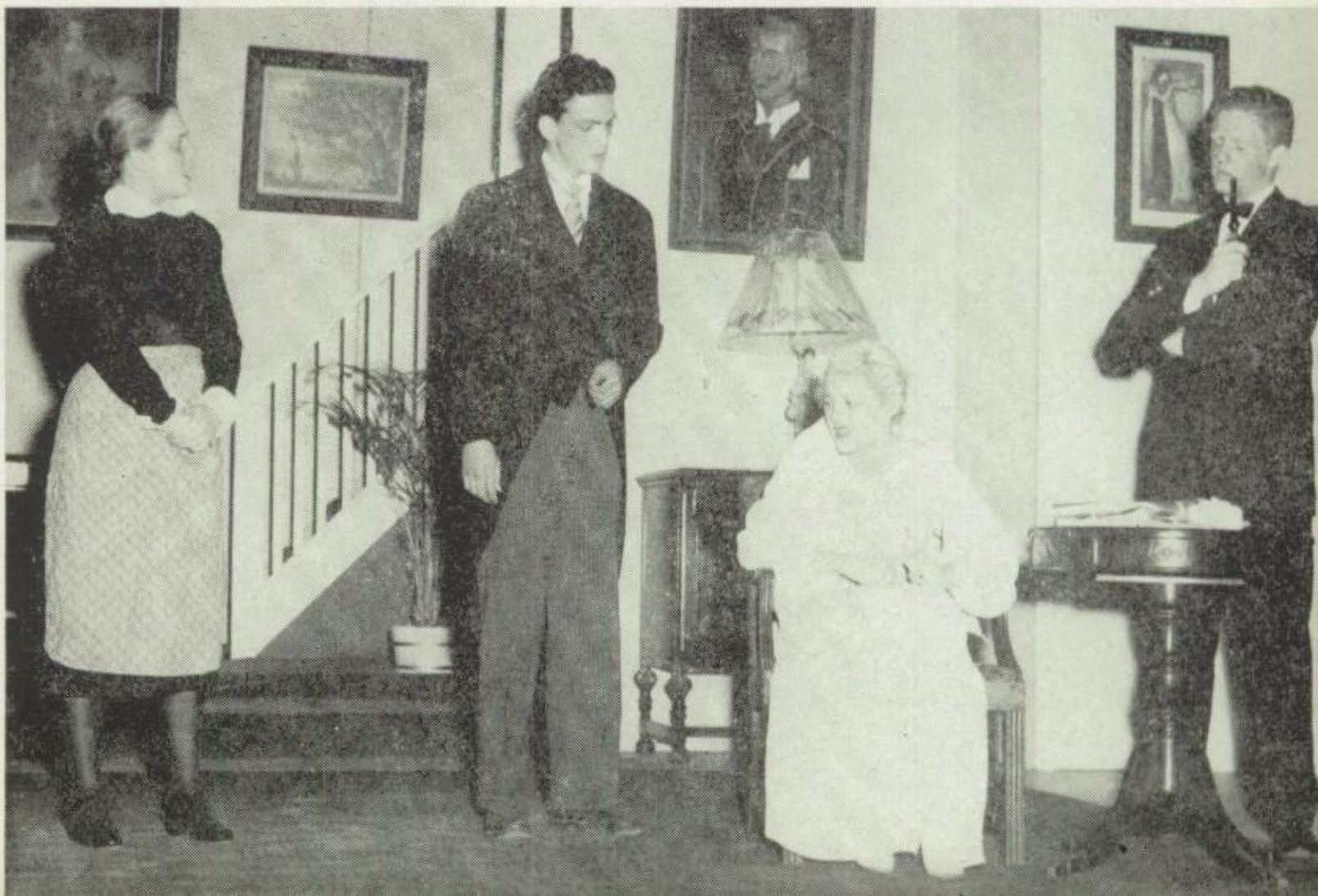
1952 SENIOR PLAY

The 1952 Senior Class, under the direction of Mrs. Arlene Akerman and Miss Florence Powell, presented the play, *Kind Lady*, by Edward Chodorov. The scene is the home of Mary Herries (Charma Mason) at Montague Square, London. Mary takes in Henry Abbott (Larry Sullivan), a poor man, thus beginning a series of troubling incidents. Henry gains Mary's sympathy by telling of his sick wife Ada (Sally Boxwell) and small child. Mary invites the family to come and live with her.

Henry seizes control of Mary Herries' household and forces her present maid Rose (Jenny Kendrick) to leave, placing his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards (Bob Raker and Beulah Squires) and their daughter (Barbara Arnold) in the position of domestic servants. Mary's friends, Lucy Watson (Nancy Sherman), Phyllis Glenning (Ruth Marie Stutenroth), and Pete Santard (Bill Lane), fail in their attempts to solve the mystery of her imprisonment.

Others involved in the plot are Mr. Foster (Jeri Kindred), the doctor (Jim Frisby), Gustov Rosenberg (Jim Pappas), and a servant (Sylvia Alexander). Marilyn Lawson and Bob Wells were the student directors.

KIND LADY



"M'LLE MODISTE"

"M'LLE MODISTE," a two act operetta by Victor Herbert, centers around a Parisian hat shop owned by Madame Cecile (Marilyn Thomas). Fifi (Louise Hall) is the most popular of the sales girls, which fact distresses Madame Cecile's daughters (Shirley Duncan, Shirley Armitage). Captain Etienne de Bouvray (Dick LeForce) falls in love with Fifi, but his wealthy uncle (Talt Kendrick) forbids him to marry her. Hiram Bent (Jim Young) persuades Fifi to leave the hat shop and go on the operatic stage. Returning as the famous M'lle Modiste, she manages at last to win over the disgruntled uncle, and all ends happily. Others with principal parts in the production were Phil Ramsey, Jeri Kindred, Paul Cole, John Hurston, Beverly Pate, Jenny Kendrick, and Ruth Marie Stutenroth. Miss Helen Weinberger directed the operetta, and music was provided by the orchestra under the baton of Mr. Franklin.

Louise Hall, Vernona Shultz, Patty Gerber, Judy Beatty, Pat Burns, Pat Davis, Sally Duane, Mary Jo Sickles, Eileen Bishop, Shirley Armitage.

TRIPLE TRIO

Under the guidance of Miss Helen Weinberger the MHS Triple Trio completed another successful year. The girls made appearances throughout the year including several during the Christmas season. "The Christmas Song," "Silent Night," "Silver Bells," and "Thirty-two Feet and Eight Little Tails," were some of the songs they presented. In the annual Ohio District Music Festival, in which they sang "A Bird Flew," they received a superior rating. This enabled them to compete in the state contest in May.

BAND COUNCIL

The Band Council deals with the various duties and problems of band camp. After a week-long campaign, members of the MHS band camp elected their officers. They were Bob Bell, president; Luke Sickle, vice president; Coralie Weikel, secretary; and Charles Mendenhall, treasurer. Marilyn Gehm, Bob Bell, and Jack McLaughlin were chosen senior, junior, and sophomore representatives, respectively. Mr. Joe Franklin, director, appointed the minor officers who were Tom Roper, librarian; Benny Weaver, business manager; Terry Sams, student director; and David Selby, uniform manager. This group constituted the governing body of the organization.

Marilyn Gehm, Coralie Weikel, Luke Sickle, Bob Bell.

BAND

1st Row — Becky Koeppel, Janice Johnson, Don Isbel, Tom Kemp, Tom Hodson.

2nd Row — Kenneth Crawford, Lennia Reight, Marilyn Gehm, Wanda Back, Janet Sue Carr, Charles Mendenhall, Sally O'Friel, Marisue Boyle, Joyce Mills, Leslie Slye.

The MHS marching band impressed local fans with the precision, playing, and enthusiasm of their band shows at every local and out-of-town football game. In preparation for this most successful season the band drilled nine Thursday evenings last summer prior to camp. A text book called "Marching with Music" was studied at camp and many more hours were spent in actual practice. The antics of Ferdinand the Bull at the Akron North game was one of the stunts in a show called "Latin American Saga." Other performances included the Butler County Fair, Parade of the Knights Templar, and the Memorial Day Parade.

1st Row — Bob Bell, Nancy Pence, Jim McGraw, David Selby, Shirley Johnson, Nancy Neville, Janice James, Jack McLaughlin, Terry Sams, Cynthia Howland, Joan Morris.

2nd Row — Howard Watson, Carole Carr, Jim Ralston, Ronnie Egelston, Frank Capozzi, Jimmy Butch, Alice Maurice, Carol West, Harold Taylor, Dale Shockey, Larry Abner, Luke Sickle, Douglas Russell, Grover Banks, Harold Faries, Paul Perkins, David Parker.

3rd Row — Bill Reynolds, Winford Lawson, Harold Conrad, Tom Roper, Bert Sheard, Peggy Mann, Carolyn Cooper, Dick McIntire, David Williams, Mr. Joe Franklin.

CONCERT BAND

The highlight of the season for the MHS concert band was their performance on February 22 under the direction of Dr. Frank Simon, a Middletonian who achieved international fame as premier cornet soloist and assistant conductor with the famous Sousa Band. Dr. Simon also organized and conducted the Armco Band which broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio hook-up for years. Over eleven hundred people were thrilled by the music, and the students were delighted with the receipts of over a thousand dollars. This sum was added to the profits from the concessions at the local basketball games and the projects of the Band Associates to help purchase new band uniforms. The balance will be taken from the MHS athletic fund.

The other activities of this band under the direction of Mr. Franklin included two high school assemblies, four assemblies at junior highs and grade schools, a concert for the Butler County teachers, a concert for the benefit of polio, music for commencement, and performance at all local basketball games as well as the two Hamilton games. The band also entered the Southwest Regional Competitive Music Festival held at Fairmont High School near Dayton in March.

TWIRLERS

Marching on the football field and attracting much attention, the seven twirlers of the MHS Band presented many pleasing performances. Although hard work and long hours of practice were essential, the thrill of strutting with the band was ample reward.

1st Row — Phyllis McKenzie, Pat Hollon, Pat Meehan, Marcia Bowlin.

2nd Row — Marilyn Gehm, Coralie Weikel, Dale Shockey.

CORNET DUO

Composing this year's cornet duo are Terry Sams and Jack McLaughlin. The two boys are instructed by Dr. Frank Simon, who conducted the Middletown Band Concert. The duo played "Side Partners" by Clarke for their solo number, and for the remainder of the concert occupied number one and two chairs. They also solo very often with the band in other concerts and have performed at various events during the year.

Jack McLaughlin Terry Sams

1st Row — Pete Carruthers, Bea Getz, Martha Ramsdell, Deanna Lambert, Mary Ann Davidson, Becky Koeppel, Bob Bell, Janice James.

2nd Row — Bill Hogg, Cynthia Howald, Katherine Springer, Pamela Dean, Bob Hayes, Carol West, Bert Sheard, Charles Mendenhall, Luke Sickle, Jimmy Butch, Jack McLaughlin.

3rd Row — Janet Carr, Barbara Emrick, Joyce Mills, Director Joe Franklin.

ORCHESTRA

Our High School is proud of its orchestra which is composed of twenty-two talented members. During the school term the orchestra has furnished excellent music for many occasions. Preludes and interludes were heard at the Sophomore Class Play, the Junior Class Play, the Dunham Club Play, and the Senior Class Play. The orchestra also accompanied the operetta, "Sweethearts," by Victor Herbert, which was given in March. Dinner music was provided by the group for the Annual Safety Council meeting at the Manchester Hotel. A concert was given for the public in April, while other concerts were given earlier in the year during assemblies of the Senior High School, and Roosevelt and McKinley Junior High Schools. As a final performance the orchestra provided special music at the Baccalaureate Service.

Bruce Schmacker, secretary; Keith Reynolds, chairman; Gerald Ragland.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club held its initial meeting early this fall under the direction of A. E. Minnich. It was organized to give the students an opportunity to further advance their knowledge in the field of science. A steering committee of Keith Reynolds, Bruce Schmacker, Jerry Ragland, and Eloise Rogers was appointed. Projects were assigned to each individual for the year with photography claiming the spotlight as the most popular undertaking. Numerous suggestions for these projects were given by the Science Clubs of America with which the local club is affiliated.

FRENCH BANQUET

Fifty students from Senior High School and Roosevelt Junior High participated in the annual French banquet which was held at Middletown High. Since the menu was printed in French, it was necessary to "import" French waiters from MHS. The honored guest, Yvonne Lauriol, was an exchange student from Paris who was attending Miami University. Other entertainment during the evening included group singing of French songs and a special presentation of "Bon Soir, Lily" ("Good-night, Irene") by a quartette consisting of Dick King, Pat Arnold, David Higham, and Ken Helfman.

Connie Brown, Miss Mabel Eldridge, Yvonne Lauriol, Miss Katherine Roudebush, Jim Alexander, Florence Thress.

Owen Lawson, *vice president*
Bob Ward, *secretary-treasurer*
Jim Naudin, *president*

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUB

To promote closer relations between local industries and the MHS machine shop, the V.I.C., a chapter of a state wide organization for high school students enrolled in industrial education programs, was instituted last fall. Under the leadership of William K. Baldridge, tours were made of several plants and a number of speakers presented talks concerning the various phases of work in industry.

Repairing and rebuilding articles for Middletown public schools is a part of the practical training given as regular class work. Tools, jigs and fixtures, locks, hold downs, parallels, surface gauges, blocks, and clamps are only a few of the items that are machined in the MHS shop. Officers elected by the group are Jim Naudin, president; Owen Lawson, vice president; and Bob Ward, secretary-treasurer. Other charter members of the local V.I.C. are Ronald Anderson, Eric Back, Dave Biggs, Bob Canody, Don Combs, Richard Cottle, Charles Cox, Paul Downs, Courtney Duff, Joseph Hoffman, John Howard, Raymond Kramer, and Frank Scheibert.

Raymond Kramer
Don Combs
Jim Naudin
John Howard
Dick Cottle
Owen Lawson
Eric Back
Bob Ward
Ronnie Anderson
Mr. Ralph Phibbs

Marjorie Hawkins
Jeanne Brooks
Janet Thompson

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

Although getting off to a late start F.T.A. attracted many of the students interested in teaching. The members visited Miami University where they attended a convention to learn more about their future profession. During the school year a few of the members taught in grade schools and assisted in kindergarten, while high school teachers were assisted by others. The group also ushered at "Open House" in October.

NIGHTINGALE CLUB

The Nightingale Club, which is composed of girls who are interested in entering the nursing profession, sent representatives to the Middletown Hospital for the first annual week-end for prospective students. The girls were taken on a tour of the hospital and stayed over night in the Nurses' Home. During the year several nurses spoke to the group on the life of a modern Nightingale. A trip was made to Dayton, where the club visited St. Elizabeth, Good Samaritan, and Miami Valley Hospitals. At commencement a scholarship for three years' training is awarded to a girl who has shown outstanding interest in nursing.

Cleo Garofalos
Nancy Miller
Pat McCandless
Mrs. Ethelda Keever

Carol Maier
Frances Trimble
Shirley Wood
Beverly Pate
Gerald Cottongim
Barbara Roberts
Betty Newkirk

BUSINESS CADET CLUB

The Business Cadet Club held its initial meeting early in September and elected Betty Mays, president; Carol Maier, secretary; Gerald Cottongim, treasurer. Once a month a prominent citizen of Middletown or some industrialist spoke to them on what Middletown and industry expect of the co-ops. A large Christmas party and gift exchange were held, and in the spring a picnic was the social event. After graduation the boys and girls will receive permanent jobs in the many varied stores and industries in which they are now employed.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA

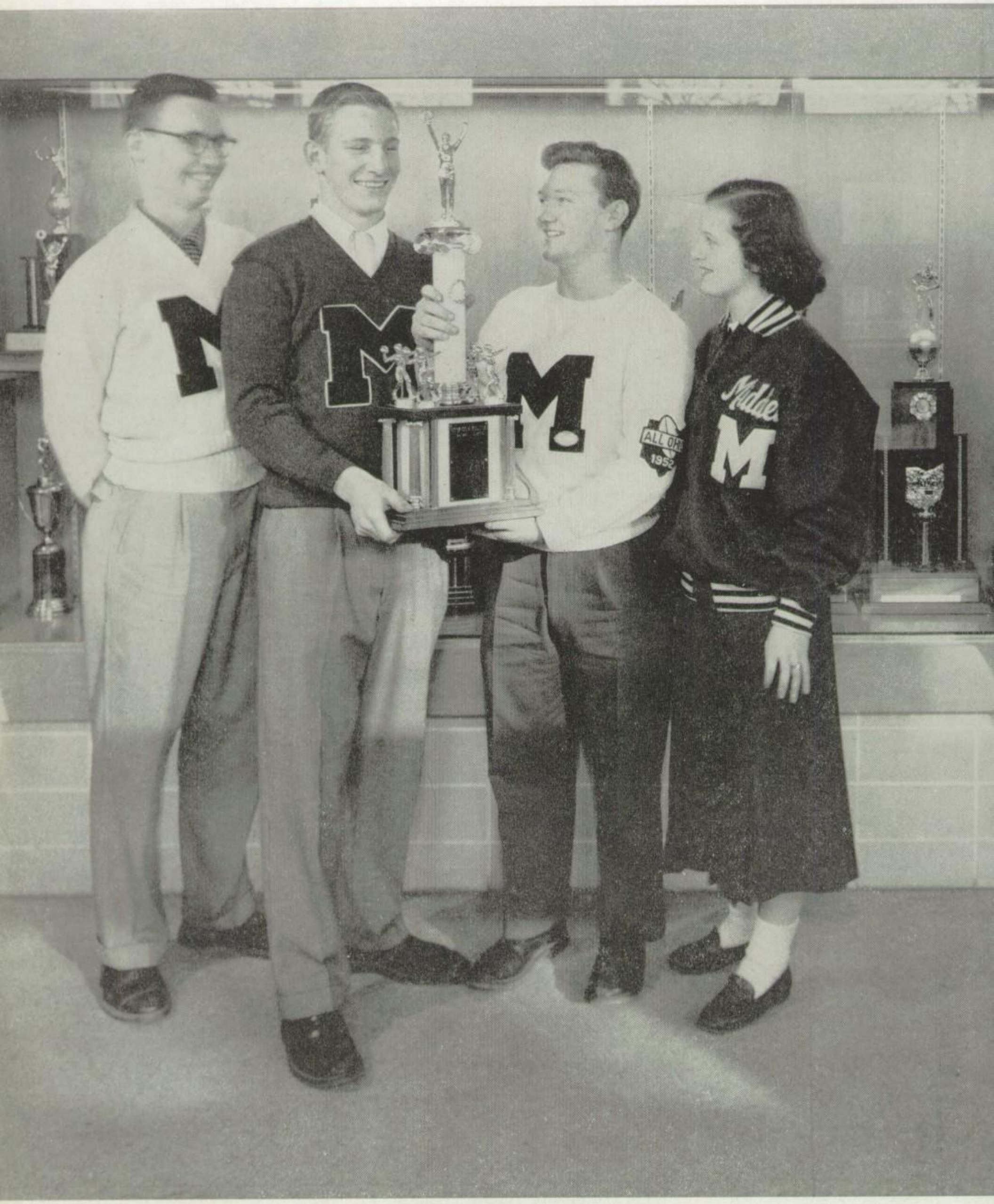
Distributive — distributing the world's goods and services largely in retail selling occupations.

Education — In school sales class, as well as cooperative afternoon employment with local store organizations.

Clubs — Each vocational class of this type is affiliated with the national and state organization with the purpose of fostering school service and social functions.

of America — To sell the American competitive system.

Patsy Bieller
Phyllis Blevins
Gerald Shrout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ATHLETICS

MIDDLETOWN 6 — DUNBAR 6

The Middletown High School football team opened its 1952 season with a 6-6 deadlock against a spirited Dayton Dunbar squad. Acting as co-captains were Tom Dillman and Dorsie Blankenship, two boys who proved themselves as worthy leaders in the 1952 campaign. Blankenship played guard, while Dillman held the center position. The lone tally for the Purple and White came in the second quarter when Paul Johnson, playing his first game of the season at the fullback position, plowed through the center for the TD. The conversion attempted by Cliff Hafer failed. In the second half neither team could score because of good defensive play and numerous fumbles.

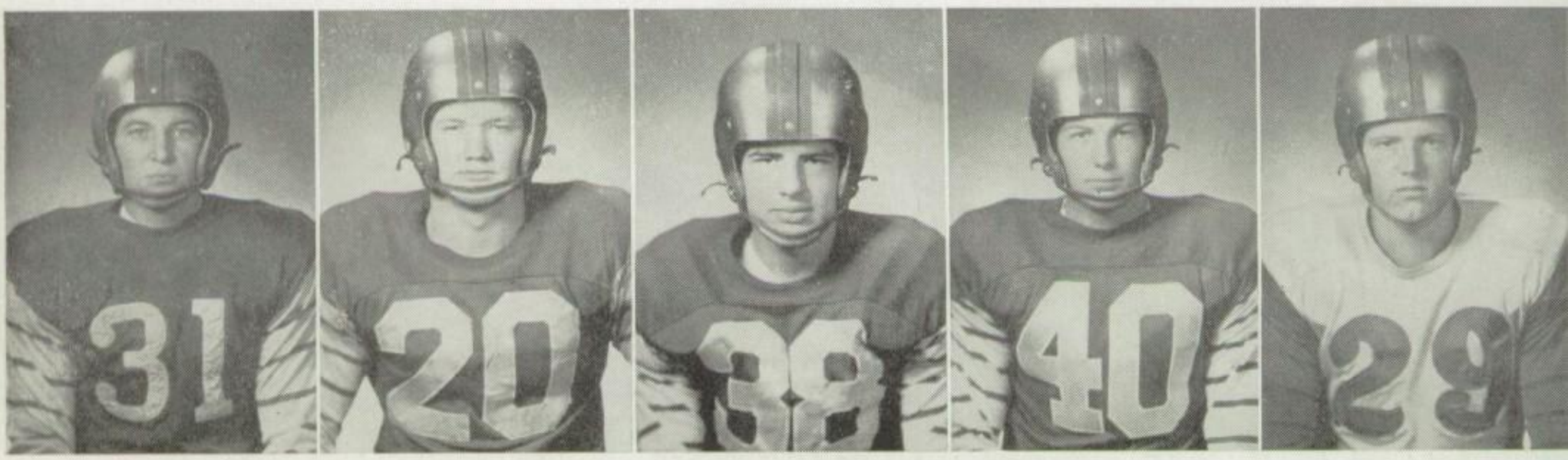
MIDDLETOWN 26 — FAIRMONT 6

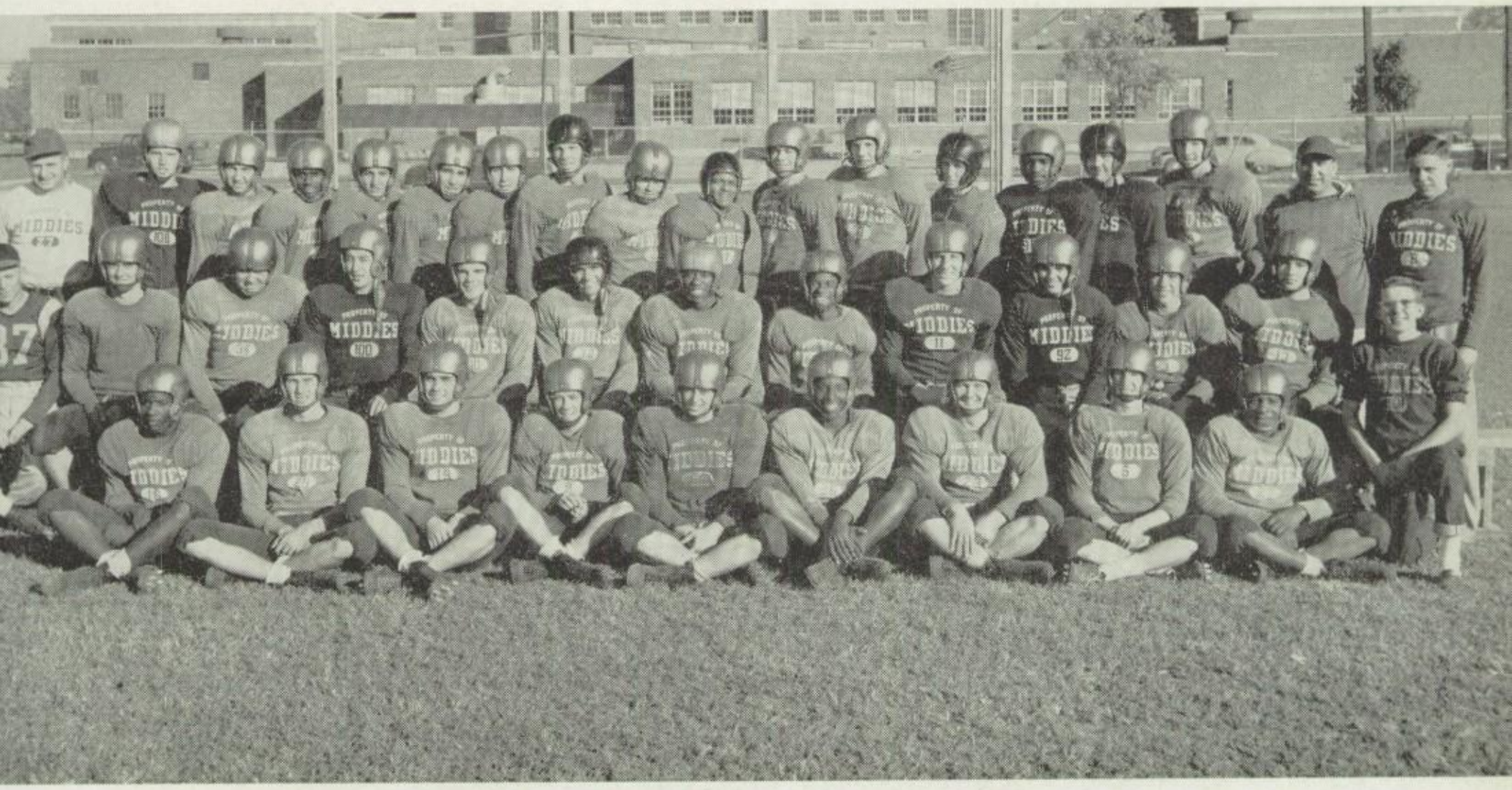
The Middies made a strong comeback after their 6-6 deadlock with Dunbar in their opener of the season. An opponent from up North, Dayton Fairmont, which hadn't been beaten in their last 12 games, fell before a fighting Middletown team, 26-6. Again Paul Johnson was a key man in the Ellisonites intercepting three Dragon passes. Long runs by Ralph Phibbs and Oscar Day helped to raise the score. Cliff Hafer was credited with the first two TD's and Oscar Day the last two. Credit also goes to Bill McGuire for his passes to ends Cliff Hafer and Ed Payne. Hafer and Ratliff booted the extra points.

MIDDLETOWN 21 — TOLEDO LIBBEY 20

Inspiration was the key-note in the Middies' second win of the season in three starts. Entering the contest as a 3-1 underdog, they sent the Cowboys home smarting under a 21-20 loss. With just four minutes gone in the first canto, the Middies struck pay dirt on a one-yard smash by Ralph Phibbs. Cliff Hafer converted and the Middies led 7-0, but Libbey bounced right back and knotted the game up with Fullback Torkett scoring the TD. The second quarter saw the Middies score once in the fading minutes on a quarterback sneak by Bill McGuire. The score at halftime read Middies, 14; Libbey, 7. The locals scored again midway through the third quarter, as Oscar Day bulled his way through the line to tally the six-pointer. Hafer's toe then proved to be the deciding factor as he calmly converted the extra point.

Jim Barnett | Dorsie Blankenship | Herman Block | Clarence Boyd | Bill Cox





1st Row — John Jefferson, Cliff Hafer, Paul Johnson, Ralph Phibbs, Lacy King, Percy Jefferson, Dorsie Blankenship, Bill McGuire, Harold Taylor.

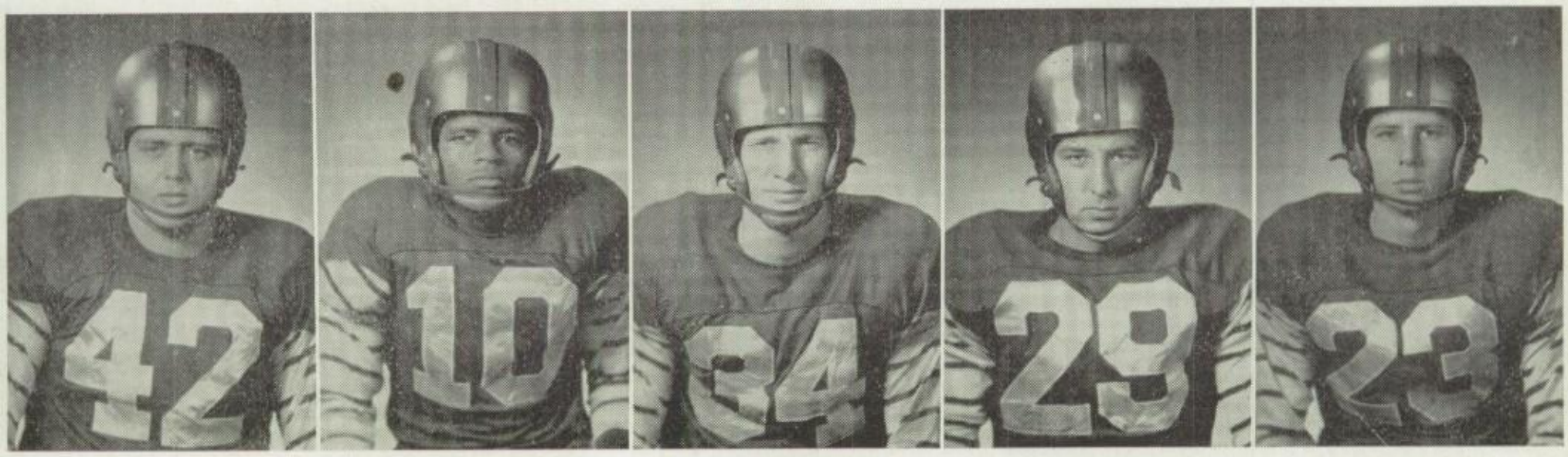
2nd Row — Coach Harold Mason, Skeeter Payne, Tom Daniels, Jack Egelston, Tom Harmon, Chris Revelos, Frank Williams, Howard Watson, Tom Dillman, Eddie Mynhier, Herman Block, Mike Hoover, Manager Jim Burgess.

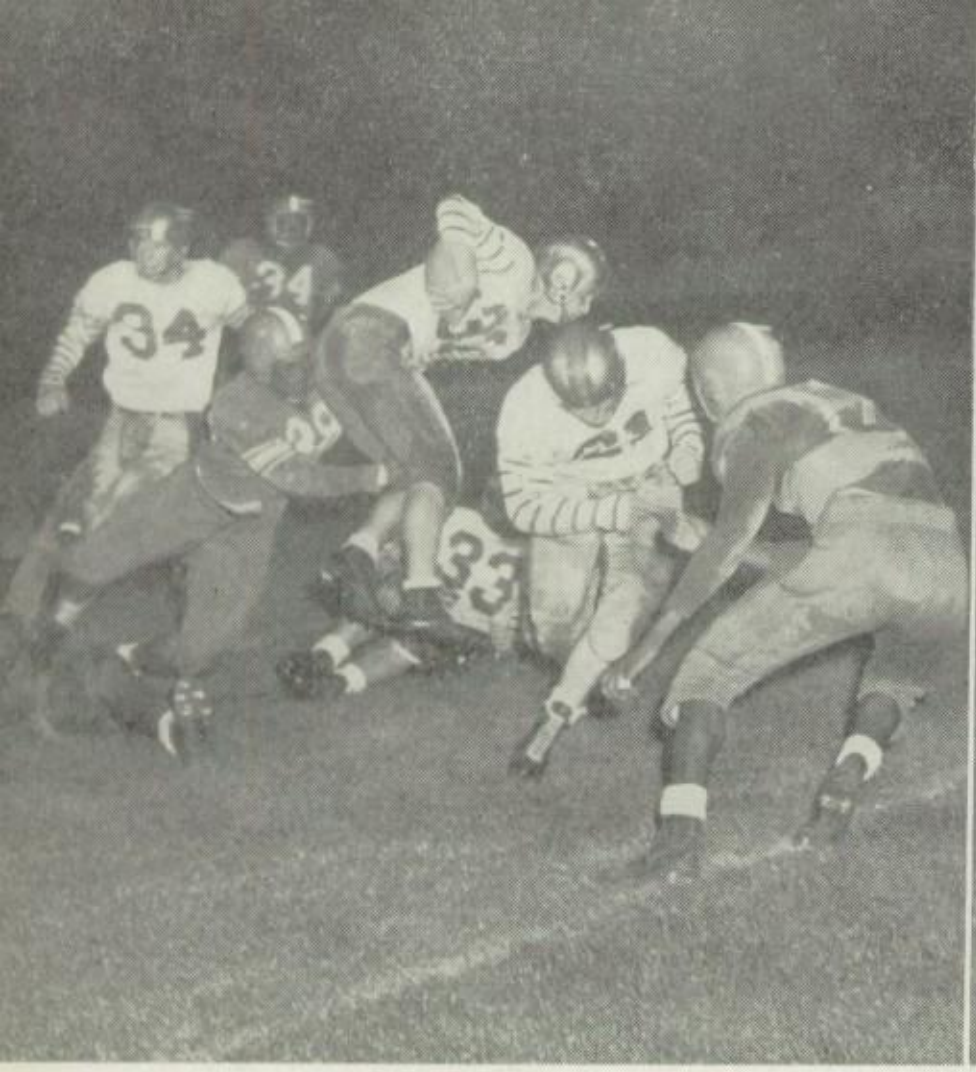
3rd Row — Coach Tiger Ellison, Bill Cox, Jim Barnett, Jim Kemp, Allan Karchner, Dick McDonald, Paul Fisher, Tom Sullivan, Bob Geis, Oscar Day, Ronnie Whitt, Ronnie Stokley, Bob Ward, George Jones, Dale Wills, Clarence Boyd, Coach Stan Lewis, Manager Don Mason.

MIDDLETOWN 0 — SPRINGFIELD 20

Springfield proved to the state that the Middies could be beaten, but it took the second best team in the state to do it. The Wildcats were the victors in a game in which the Middies were held scoreless for the only time this year. A thirty-yard pass play netted the Wildcats' first score in the first quarter and the conversion made it 7-0. Williams intercepted a McGuire pass and returned it to the 5 from where he casually walked through the Middie defense to score. The half ended 14-0, Springfield. The Middies played great ball in the third canto, but the last period spelled their doom. A blocked punt and a sustained sixty-seven yard drive set up the Wildcats' last touchdown and the game ended 20-0.

Tom Daniels | Oscar Day | Tom Dillman | Jack Egelston | Paul Fisher

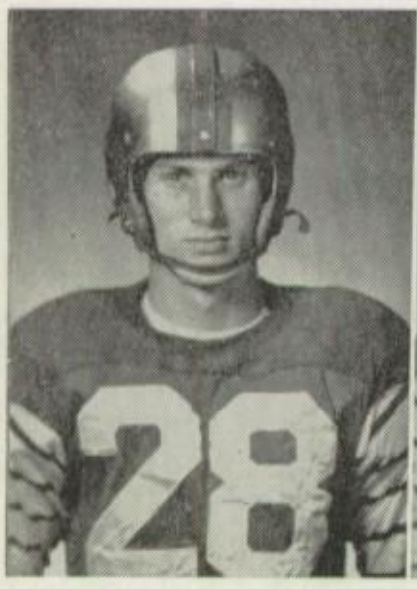




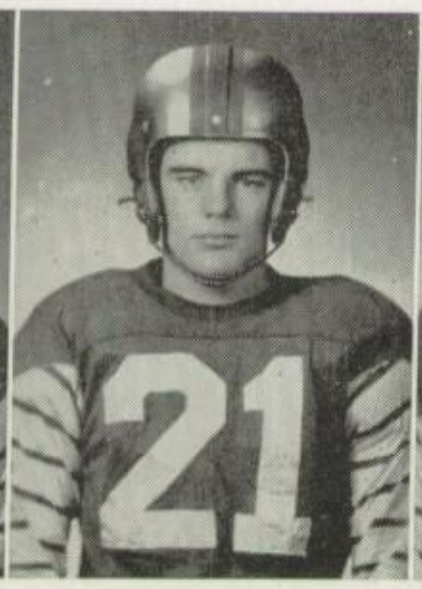
MIDDLETOWN 54 — PORTSMOUTH 27

In their fifth encounter of the season, Tiger Ellison's boys romped over a highly touted Portsmouth squad at the latter's field, 54-27. It was a reassuring victory as well for the local lads, and one they needed badly, after their first defeat of the season at the hands of a tough Wildcat pack from Springfield the week before. Co-captains Dorsie Blankenship and Tom Dillman, all-state guard and center respectively, led the local line as they slashed the Trojan line to shreds so the fancy Purple scatbacks could break through for huge gains and pay dirt. Cliff Hafer's talented toe also kept the attack sparked as he completed six out of eight conversion attempts.

Cliff Hafer



Tom Harmon



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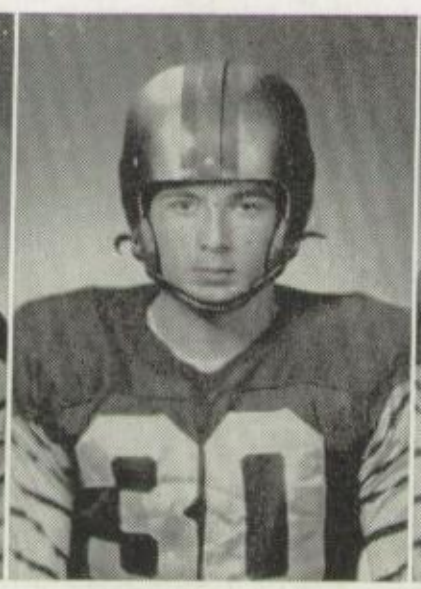

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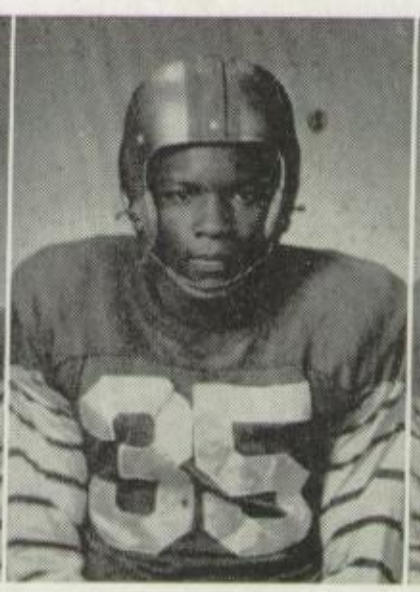

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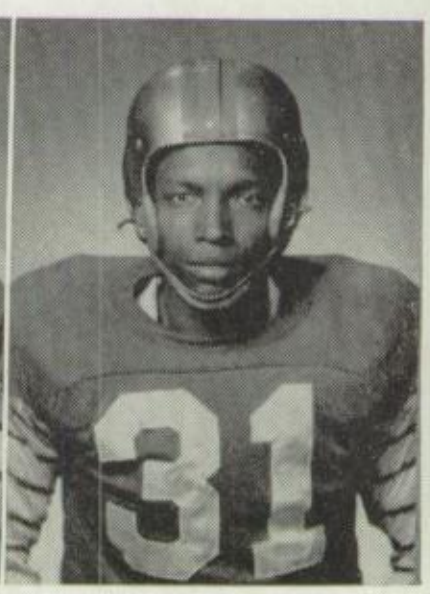


Paul Johnson | George Jones | Allan Karchner | Jim Kemp | Lacy King

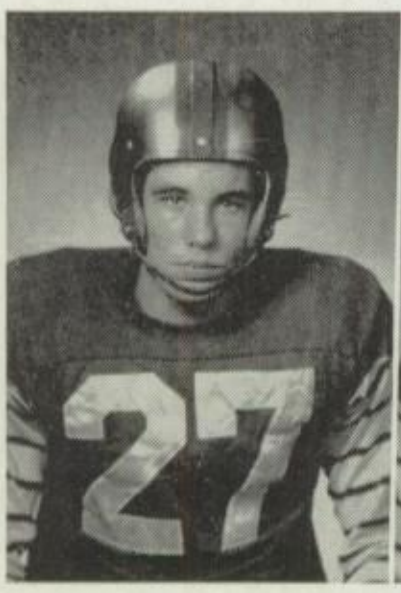
MIDDLETOWN 27 — LIMA CENTRAL 7

The Middies, sparked by the McGuire-Payne passing combination, trampled the Lima Central Dragons, 27-7, in posting their fourth victory before a large homecoming crowd at Barnitz Stadium. The McGuire-Payne duo enabled the Middies to take a 20-0 halftime lead. The second quarter saw Oscar Day sprint forty yards to pay dirt after McGuire had completed three straight passes to Payne and boost the local eleven's lead to 14-0. Shortly following, Ralph Phibbs plunged over from the one on his third attempt and ended the first half's scoring. Early in the last half, the Dragons scored after a sixty-four yard sustained drive. Wrapping up the evening's scoring was Skeeter Payne, as he snatched McGuire's aerial when only fifty seconds remained. Hafer's kick was perfect and the final score read 27-7.

MIDDLETOWN 25 — LIMA SOUTH 7

Temporarily stymied by the brilliant Lima South defense, the Middies managed to squeeze in a single touchdown by Ralph Phibbs in the closing seconds of the first half and also kick an extra point to lead 7-0 at the end of the first two periods. The second half got underway with the Middies scoring once again. After Lacy King fell on a fumble on his own six yard line, stopping a Lima scoring threat, the Middies went ninety-four yards with Paul Johnson breaking loose on two long runs and then bulling over from one yard out. The Middies then proceeded to break the game wide open as they scored twice more before letting South break the scoring column.

Dick McDonald



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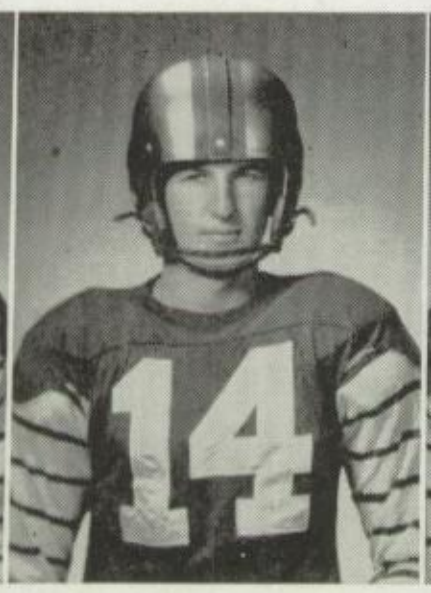

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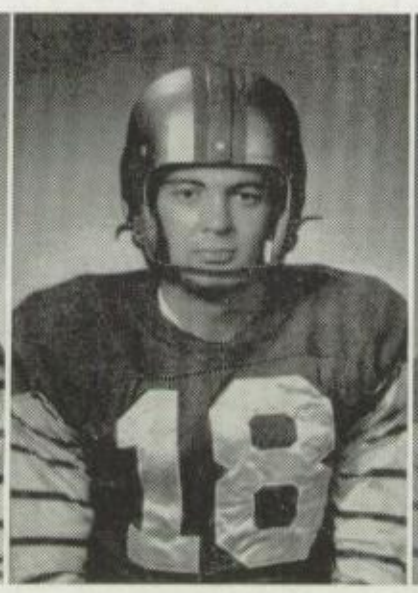


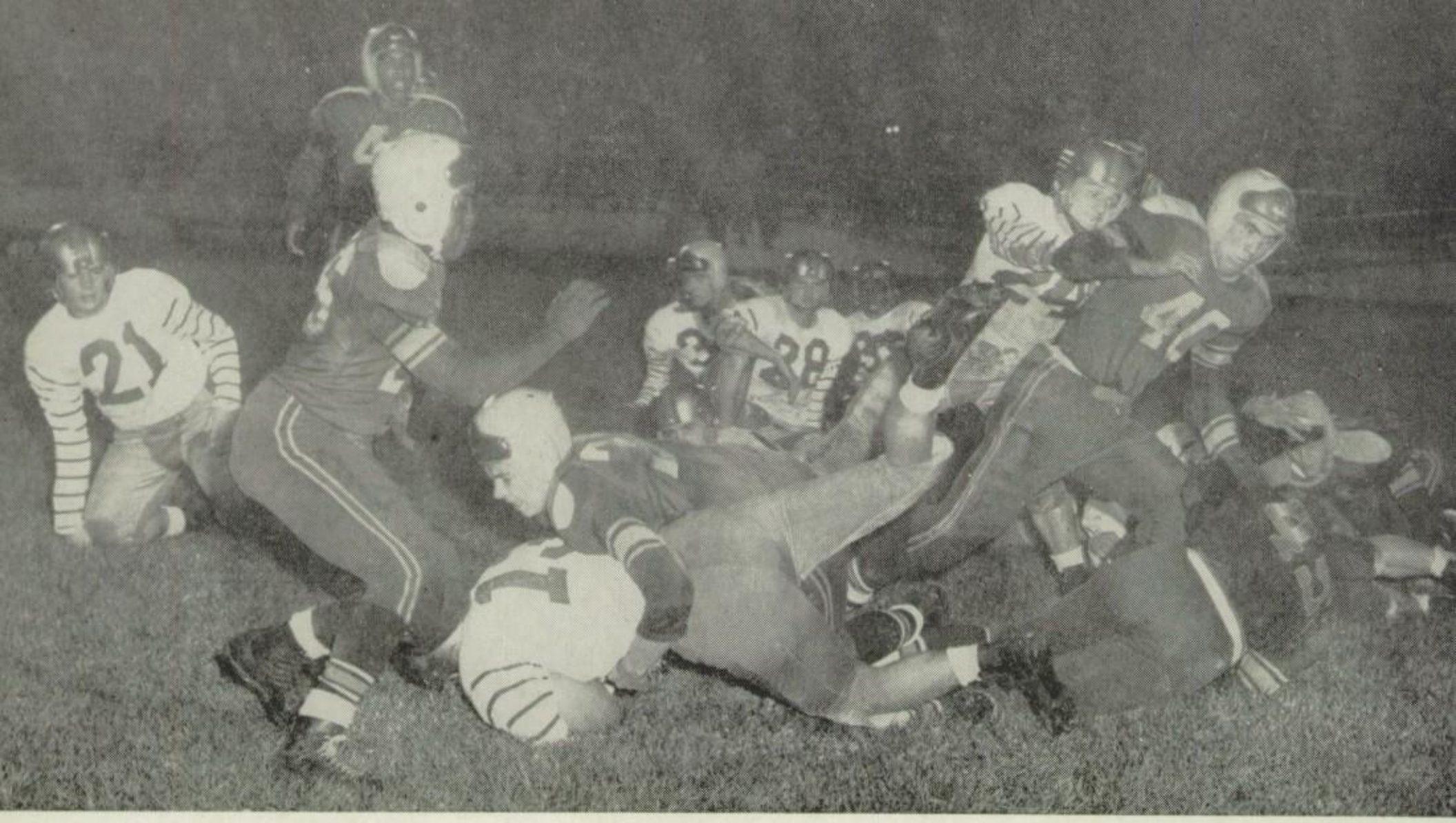
Ed Payne

Ralph Phibbs

Denzil Ratliff | Chris Revelos | Ronnie Stokley | Tom Sullivan | Harold Taylor

MIDDLETOWN 60 — FAIRVIEW 7

The Middies won their fourth straight game by clobbering an outclassed Dayton Fairview Eleven 60-7 at Barnitz Field on Halloween night. The tilt was highlighted by a very impressive aerial attack sparked by Quarterback Bill McGuire. Nearly every eligible Middie scored in the lopsided contest as the Ellisonmen came through with three touchdowns in the first and final cantos, two in the second, and one in the third period. Hafer also kicked all but three attempts through the crossbars to account for six points. The Middie hopes for a shutout were shattered in the third quarter when a spot pass, Cole to Jackson, paid off and a conversion was gained by the Bulldogs.

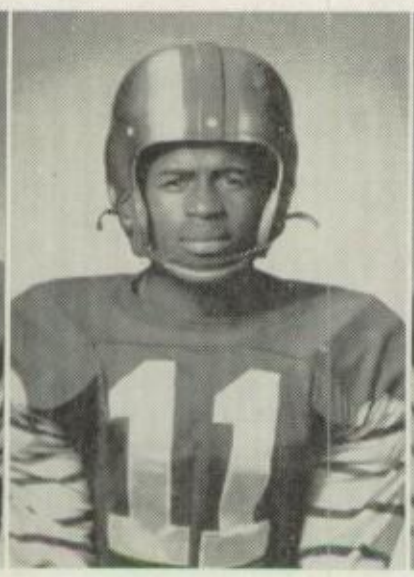


MIDDLETOWN 34 — AKRON NORTH 0

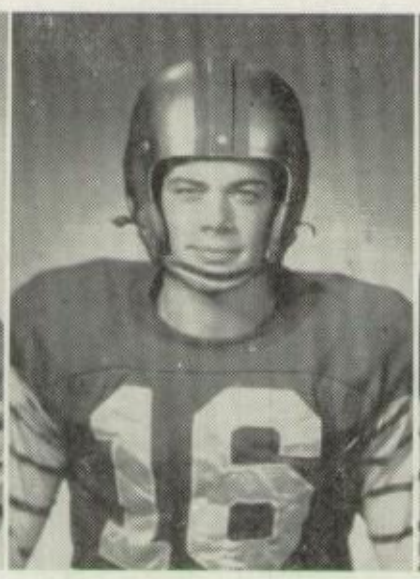
In the last home game of the season and the only afternoon game, the Middies whitewashed Akron North, 34-0. The Middies started slowly, for the score at the halftime read 7-0. The TD came with only seconds remaining in the second period as Bill McGuire heaved a 7 yarder to End Ed Payne. The second half was split wide open by the locals and every player on the squad saw plenty of action as the Middies scored four times. The only disheartening fact about the game was the loss of the services of Fullback Paul Johnson, due to a separated shoulder which he received while leading interference. The highlight of the game was the outstanding defensive play of the Middies. They held their opponents to sixty-five yards on the ground and seventy-eight yards through the air.

Bob Ward

Howard Watson



Ronnie Whitt



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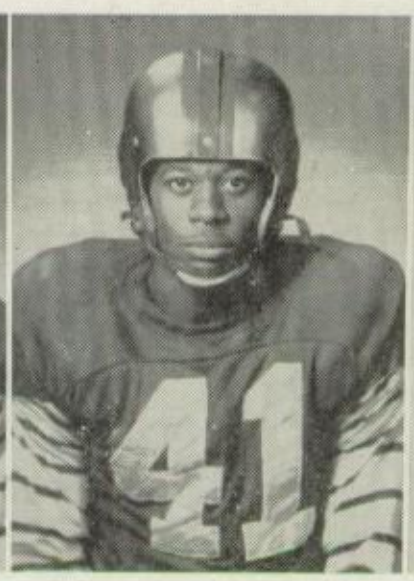


Manager Don Mason

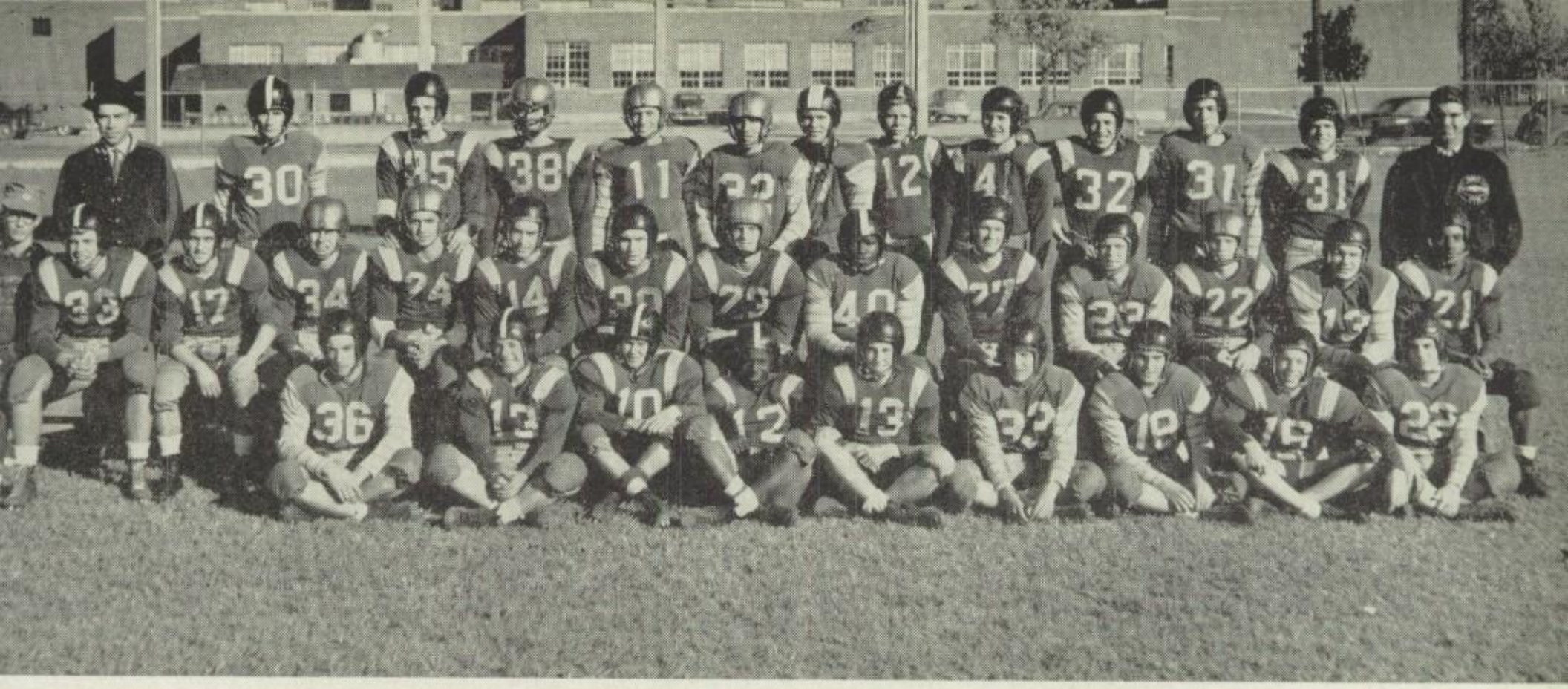
HOMECOMING QUEEN

LOUISE HALL

BUTLER BOWL

MIDDLETOWN 51 — HAMILTON 7

As a fitting climax to a good season, the Middies completely tore up the Big Blue in the annual Butler Bowl contest, 51-7. The Blue was "blue" throughout the whole game as the relentless Middies broke the scoring record in the thirtieth game between the two schools. Scores were made by six different Middies as Jack Egelston, Ronnie Whitt, Oscar Day, Ralph Phibbs, Skeeter Payne and Dick McDonald tallied in the wild and wooly classic. The Middies scored once in the first quarter, three times in the second canto, once in the third period, and hit pay dirt three more times in the last quarter. The Big Blue's only score came on a "freak" play as Hamilton's quarterback ran straight down the middle of the field against the third and fourth Middie string. All nineteen Middie seniors saw action in their last game for Middletown High School.



1st Row — Winford South, Ray Kramer, Bob Davis, Douglas Russell, Howard Johnson, Bill Wise, John Sorrell, Ed Green, Frank Dean.

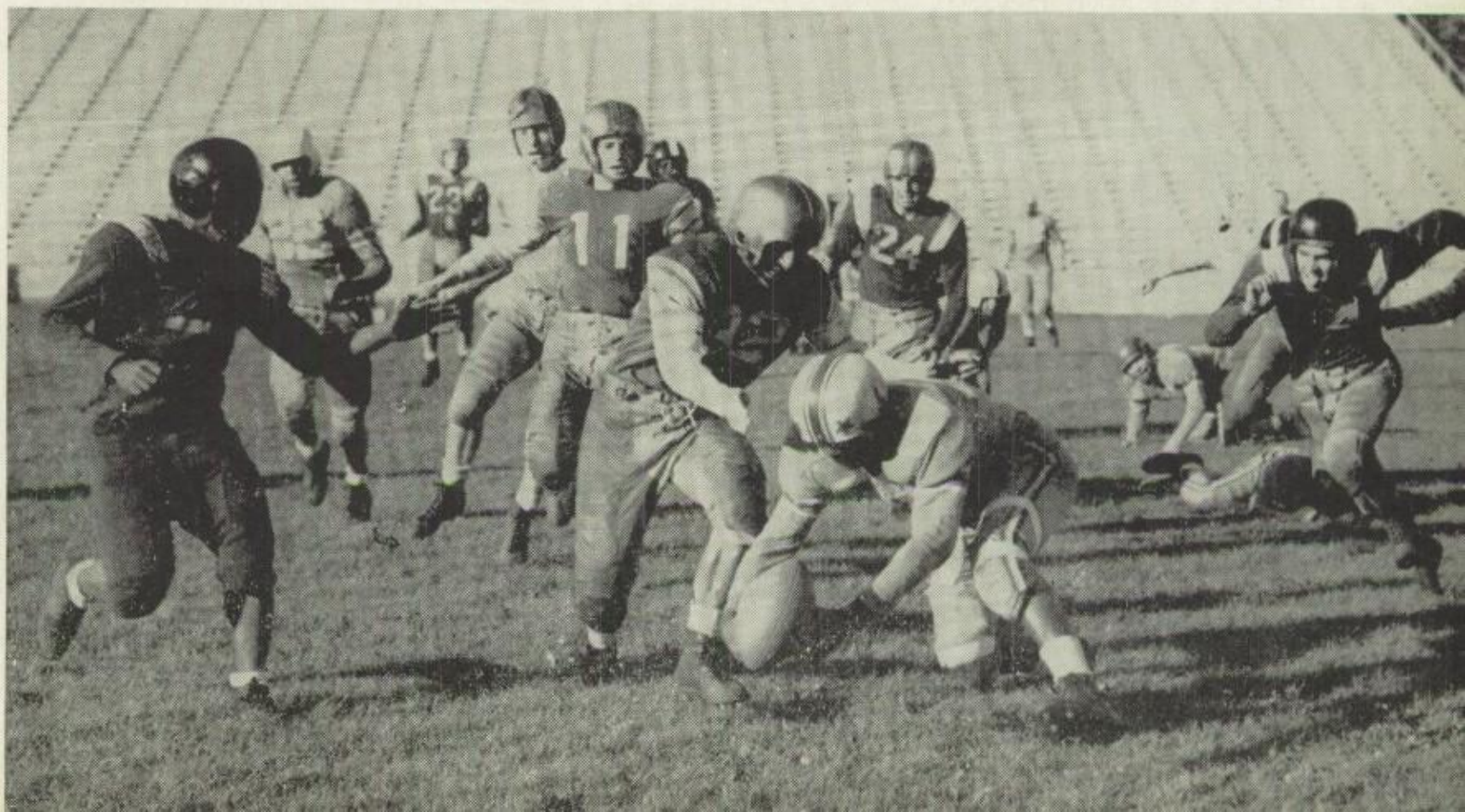
2nd Row — Manager Jim Moorhead, Fritz Foutz, Bob Womack, Dick King, Jim Jewell, Jack Sizer, Bob Pummill, Francis Pence, Bob Ashley, Roger Craft, Jim Lacy, Bill Davidson, Pete Kreitzer, Sylvester Moore.

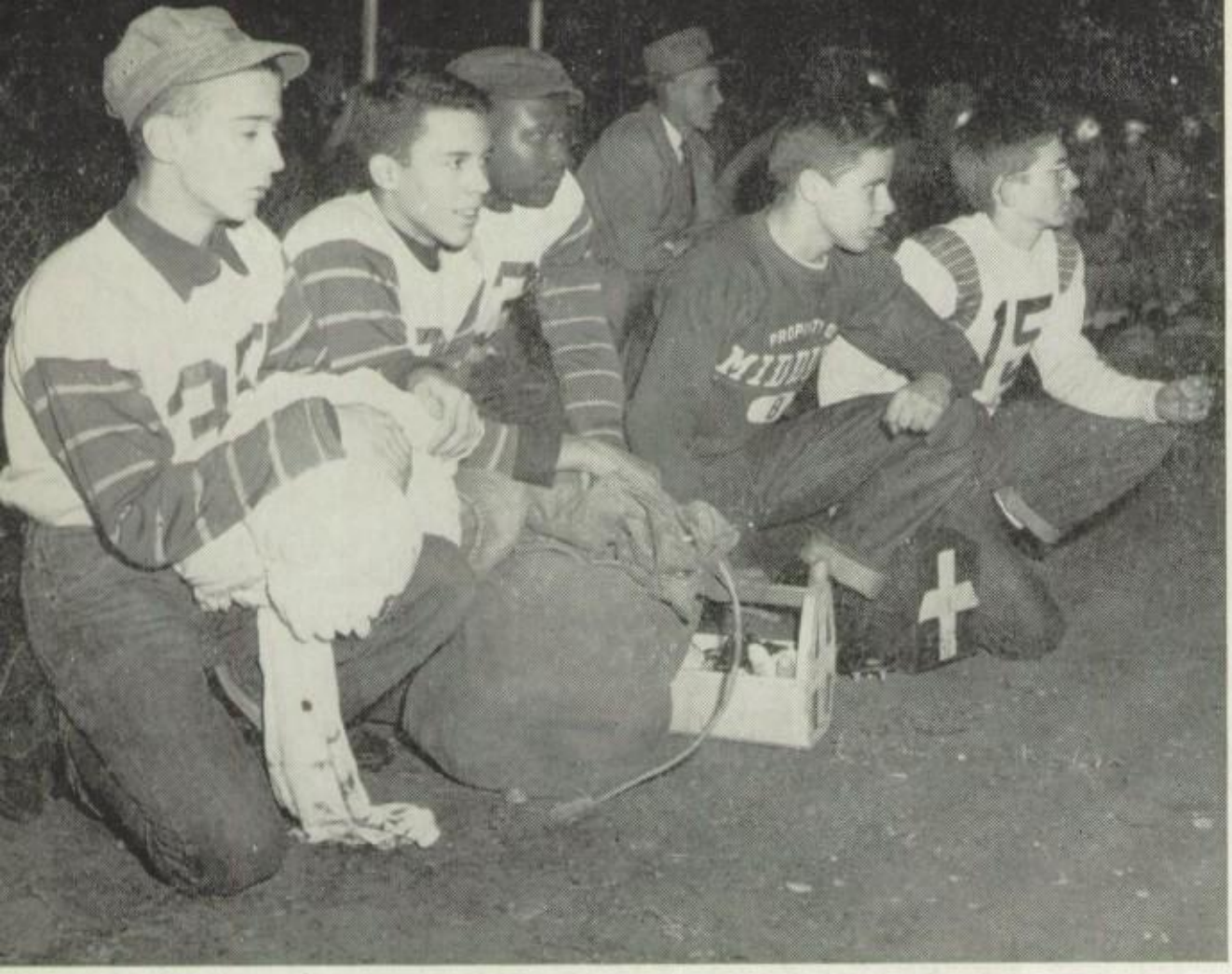
3rd Row — Coach Bob Kramer, Jerry Lawson, George Velte, Mike McClure, Denzil Ratliff, George Walty, Ken Walker, Tom Murphy, Glenn Wilson, Don Shearer, Paul Downs, Jim Diver, Coach Paul Walker.

JAY VEE FOOTBALL

Middletown	15	Dayton Roosevelt	6
Middletown	7	Shawan Acres	20
Middletown	33	Dayton Roosevelt	0
Middletown	19	Springfield	13
Middletown	31	Hamilton	6
Middletown	19	Dayton Fairmont	0
Middletown	27	Hamilton	7

The JV's had a good season this year, losing only one game to a strong Shawan Acres team. Avenging the varsity loss, the JV's downed Springfield 19 to 13. They had a big, strong team which will make up for the great loss of seniors next year. Some of the boys that showed good ability were Bill Davidson, Jack Sizer, Sylvester Moore, Dale Wills, Bill Cox, and Francis Pence. Dale Wills and Bill Cox, who both weighed over 200 pounds, were moved up to the varsity where each gave a good account of himself on the defensive line in the last few games.





Jim Moorhead, John Schrote, Bill Pollard, Don Mason, Jim Burgess.

MANAGERS

Managers are the men behind the scenes of the football team. Perhaps ringside seats repay these fellows for their hard work of which we see only half. Repairing and sorting equipment, and bandaging wounds are only a few of their many tasks. After the game and the festivities are over, you'll see these loyal workers storing away the equipment for the next game.

CHEERLEADERS

Cheering the gridiron and hardwood teams to many victories this year were Carolyn Jones, Glenna Cornwell, Barbara Withers, Joanna Hershner, and LaWanda Mockbee. The cheerleaders were chosen by Mr. Fred Banker and the cheerleaders' adviser, Miss Ann Sweeney. Besides sporting new outfits, the cheerleaders received new cheering jackets from the Boosters' Club. Along with other Southern Ohio high school cheerleaders, the girls attended a cheerleading clinic in Tipp City, Ohio, in the fall. Two University of Michigan cheerleaders instructed the delegates on some necessary cheering habits. Middletown can well be proud of its cheerleaders who helped make the tournament in Cincinnati one that will always remain dear to our hearts.

Clockwise:

Barbara Withers
Glenna Cornwell
LaWanda Mockbee
Joanna Hershner
Dorothy Witt
Carolyn Jones

HOMECOMING

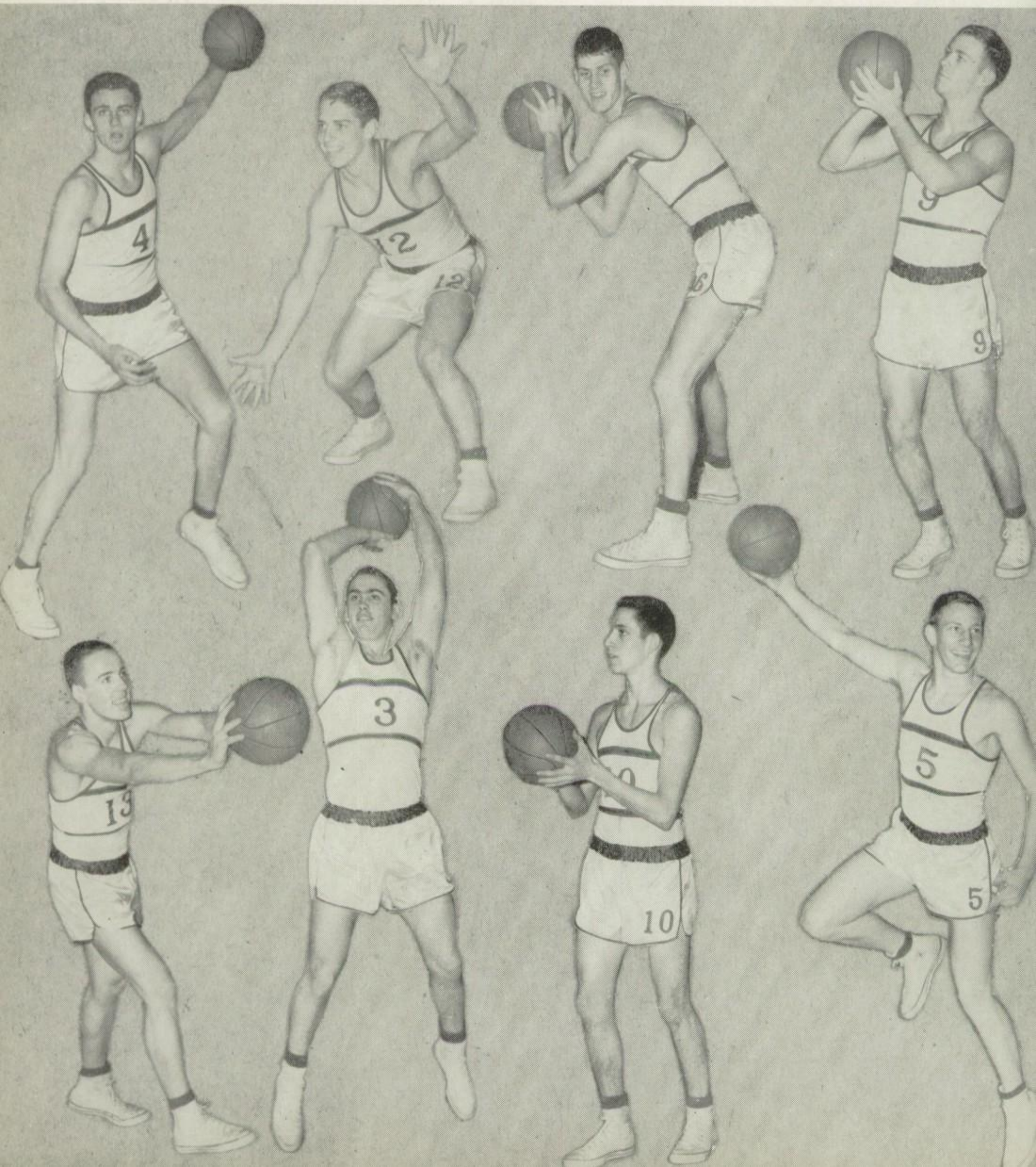
Highlighting a week of intensive campaigning was the announcement of Louise Hall's selection as Homecoming Queen of 1952 by student balloting. Louise, whose escort was Bill Hogg, president of Circle Hi-Y, led a field of candidates selected by the various other Hi-Y groups — Ruthie Moorman, La Wanda Mockbee, Myrtis, Fores, Liddy Harpring, and Barbara Withers. After marching from the convertibles which transported all the candidates on the field through a huge crown formed by the MHS band, Louise was crowned and presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums by Co-captains Dorsie Blankenship and Tom Dillman.

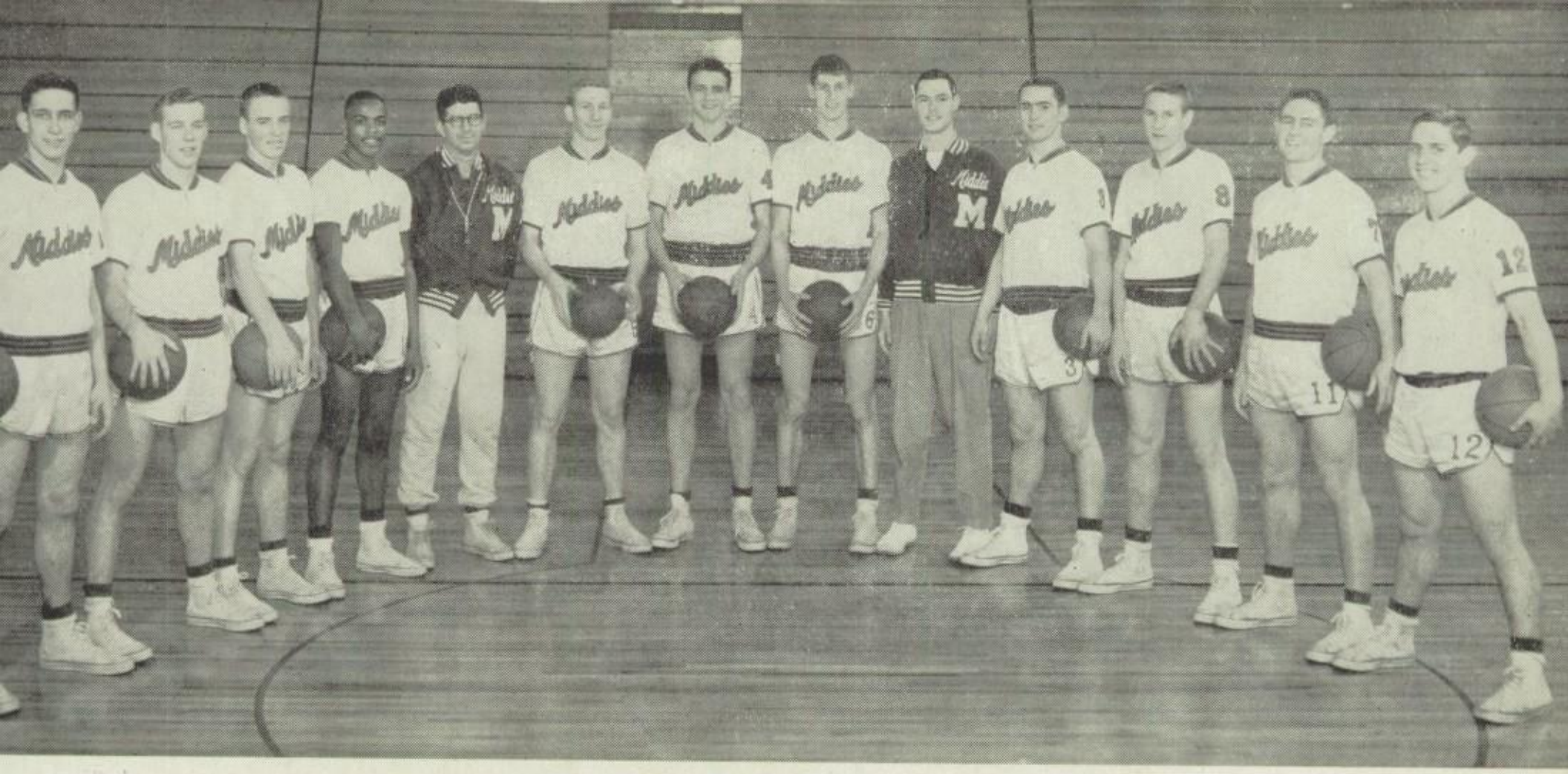
Bill Hogg, Louise Hall

The court: Charles Hawkins, Myrtis Fores, Charles Feledy, Ruthie Moorman, Buddy Jones, Barbara Withers, Buddy Bratton, Liddy Harpring, Pete Carruthers, LaWanda Mockbee.

BASKETBALL

1st Row — Tom Hanley, Skeeter Payne, Cliff Hafer, Ralph Phibbs.
2nd Row — Owen Lawson, Paul Johnson, Eric Back, Tom Dillman.





Eric Back, Ralph Phibbs, Owen Lawson, Leonard Johnson, Coach Paul Walker, Tom Dillman, Tom Hanley, Cliff Hafer, Manager Ed Cross, Paul Johnson, Ronnie Stokley, Denzil Ratliff, Ed Payne.

MIAMISBURG

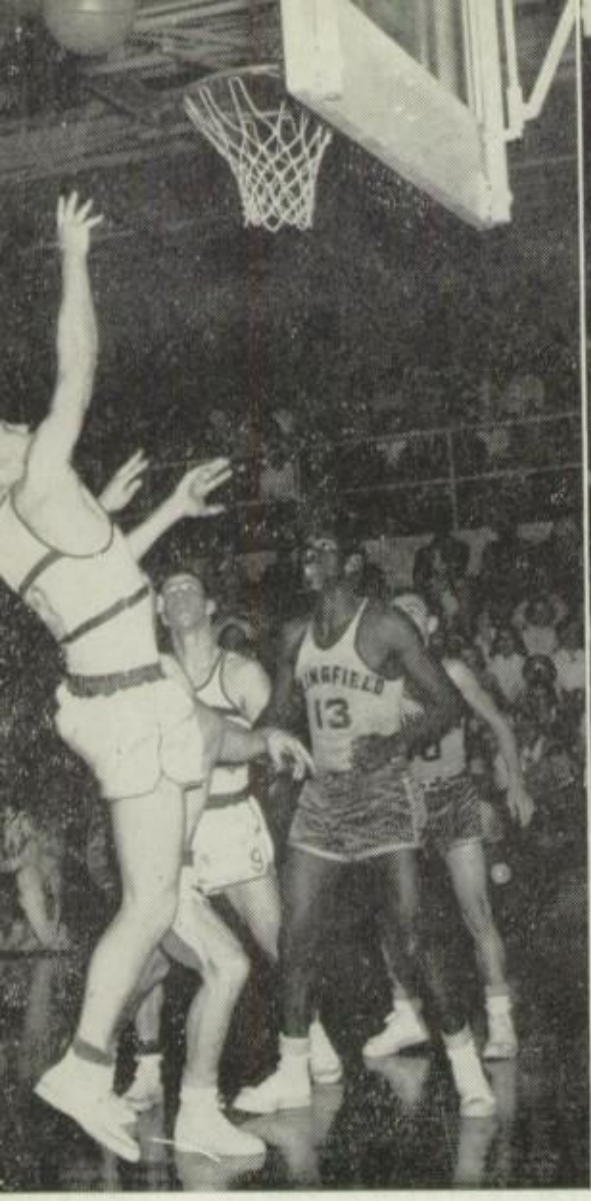
The Middies, opening their season in the new Wade E. Miller Gymnasium, exploded to an 84-57 victory over the Miamisburg Vikings. Over 3,000 fans watched the locals as they scored over twenty points in every quarter except the final canto when they were outscored 23-13. Walker juggled his lineup freely after the opening quarter and thirteen players hit the scoring column before the final gun sounded. Cliff Hafer led the Middie scorers with 17 points while Eric Back added 11 and Dick Witt 10.

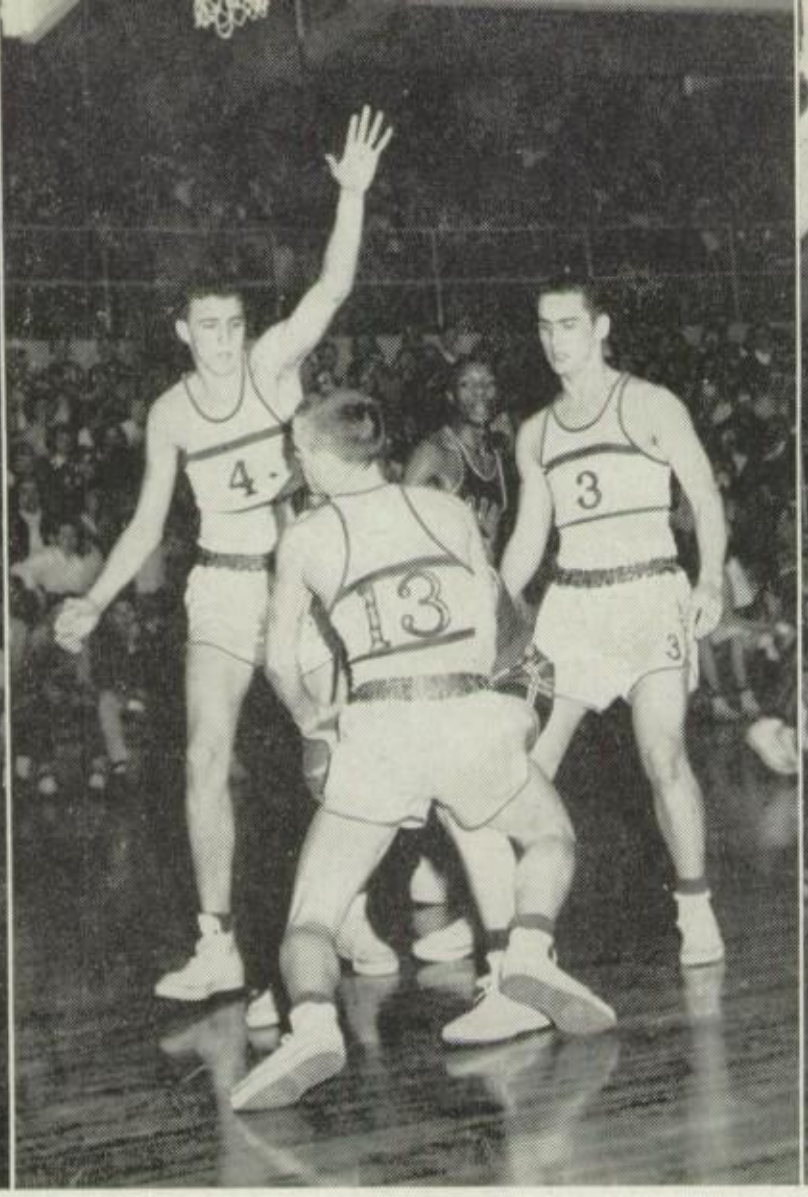
FRANKLIN

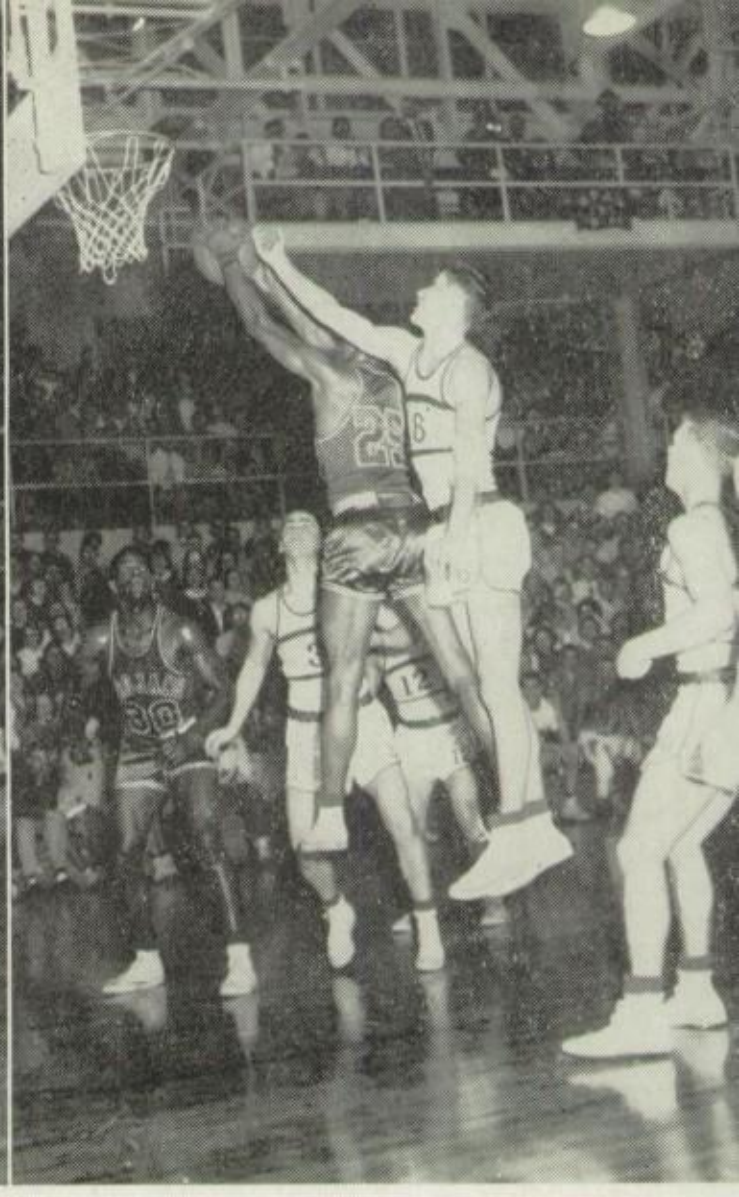
The Middies made the trip to Franklin for the first time in 26 years and came home with a 77-59 victory. They started off by sinking six of their first seven shots and were never headed. The game developed into a scoring duel between Franklin's John Powell and Cliff Hafer and both boys potted 30 to end up even in the scoring column. Owen Lawson and Tom Dillman also connected in double figures with 12 and 11 markers, respectively.

LANCASTER

For the second time in two nights, the Middies breezed to an easy victory by dumping the Lancaster Golden Gales 77-55 before 3,000 local fans. The Purple started slowly but soon picked up steam to run their scoring total to 77 for the second straight night. Fourteen players hit the scoring column for the locals with Owen Lawson leading the way with 12 points followed by Cliff Hafer with 11 and Eric Back with 10. Hall, of Lancaster, with 14 markers led all scorers for the evennig.







XENIA CENTRAL

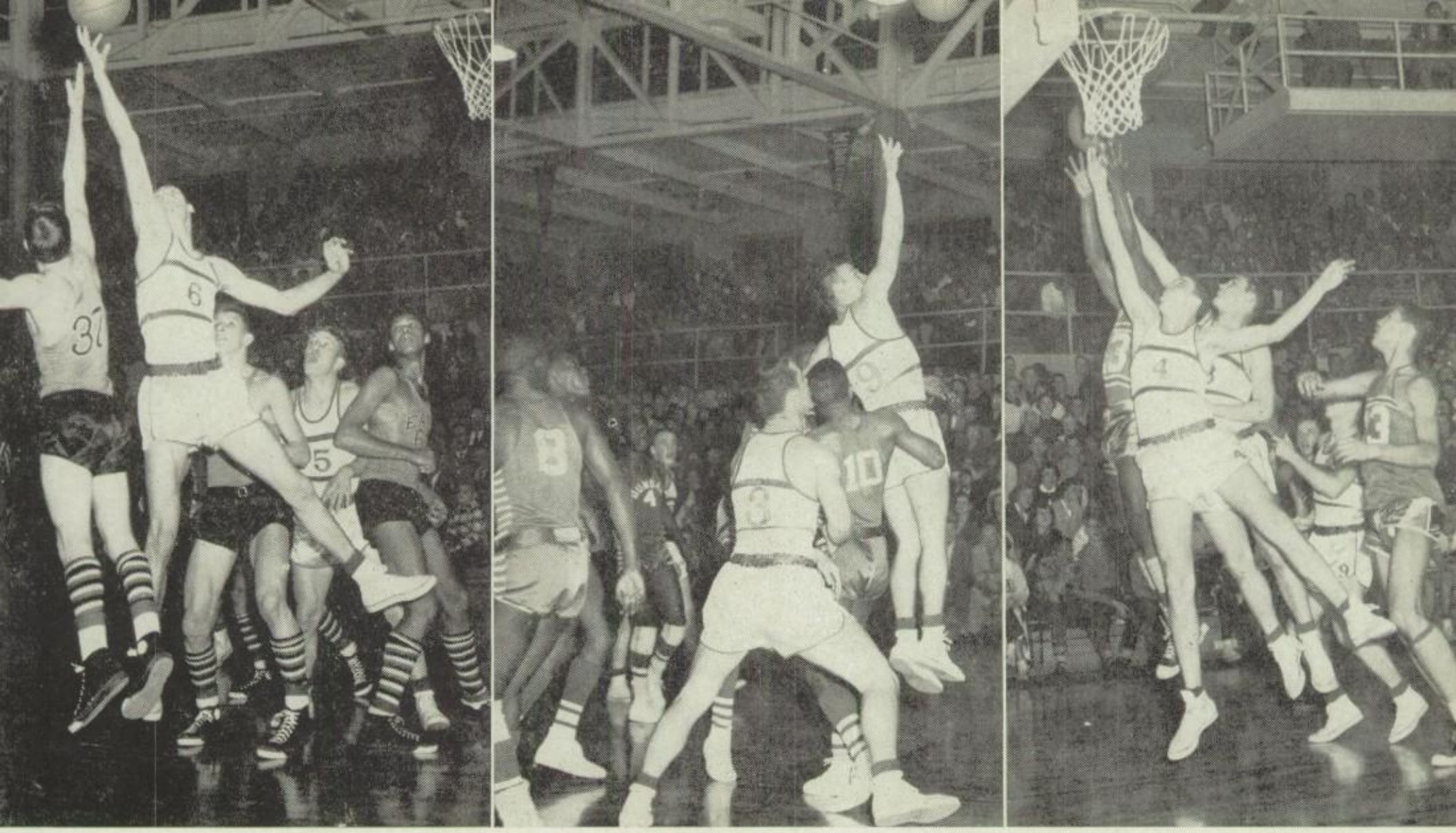
The Middies were treated to their first tough game of the young season at Xenia and responded with a 69-57 triumph. Led by Dick Witt, the Purple roared to an early lead only to lose it in the early moments of the second quarter. Skeeter Payne and Paul Johnson, however, responded with buckets and the Purple never relinquished the lead thereafter. Cliff Hafer had to sit out much of the game after being in danger of fouling out, but substitute Tom Hanley did a fine job for the locals. Owen Lawson led the Middie scorers with 17 markers and Dawson hit 21 for Xenia.

SPRINGFIELD

Coach Paul Walker's lads opened their Southern Ohio League season with a resounding 76-56 victory over the Springfield Wildcats. Walker's platoon system showed to full avail as Paul Johnson came up with 14 points and Skeeter Payne repeatedly stole the ball and wound up with 8 assists for the evening. The locals, after being ahead by only two points in the opening quarter, began to pull away from the tired Springfield boys in the second quarter and coasted to victory from there on. Cliff Hafer led the team with 19 markers and Tommy Dillman matched Johnson with 14.

WILBUR WRIGHT

The Pilots of Dayton Wilbur Wright were no match for the Middies as the Walkermen roared to a 27-9 first quarter margin and continued their bombardment throughout the contest. Fourteen players shared in the Middie scoring; Owen Lawson led the way with 17, followed by Tom Dillman with 12 and Eric Back with 11. The Middies hit 19 out of 27 free tosses to swell their total, while the Pilots missed 26 charity shots.



COLUMBUS EAST

The Columbus East Tigers tried to slow the game down against the Middies, but their efforts were to no avail as the locals romped to an 81-48 triumph. Led by Dick Witt who potted 19 markers, the Purple came from an eight point intermission margin and really "poured it on" in the final two periods. Cliff Hafer added 18 points and Owen Lawson chipped in with 11. Braxton led the East team with 18 markers, 10 of them from the free throw line.

DUNBAR

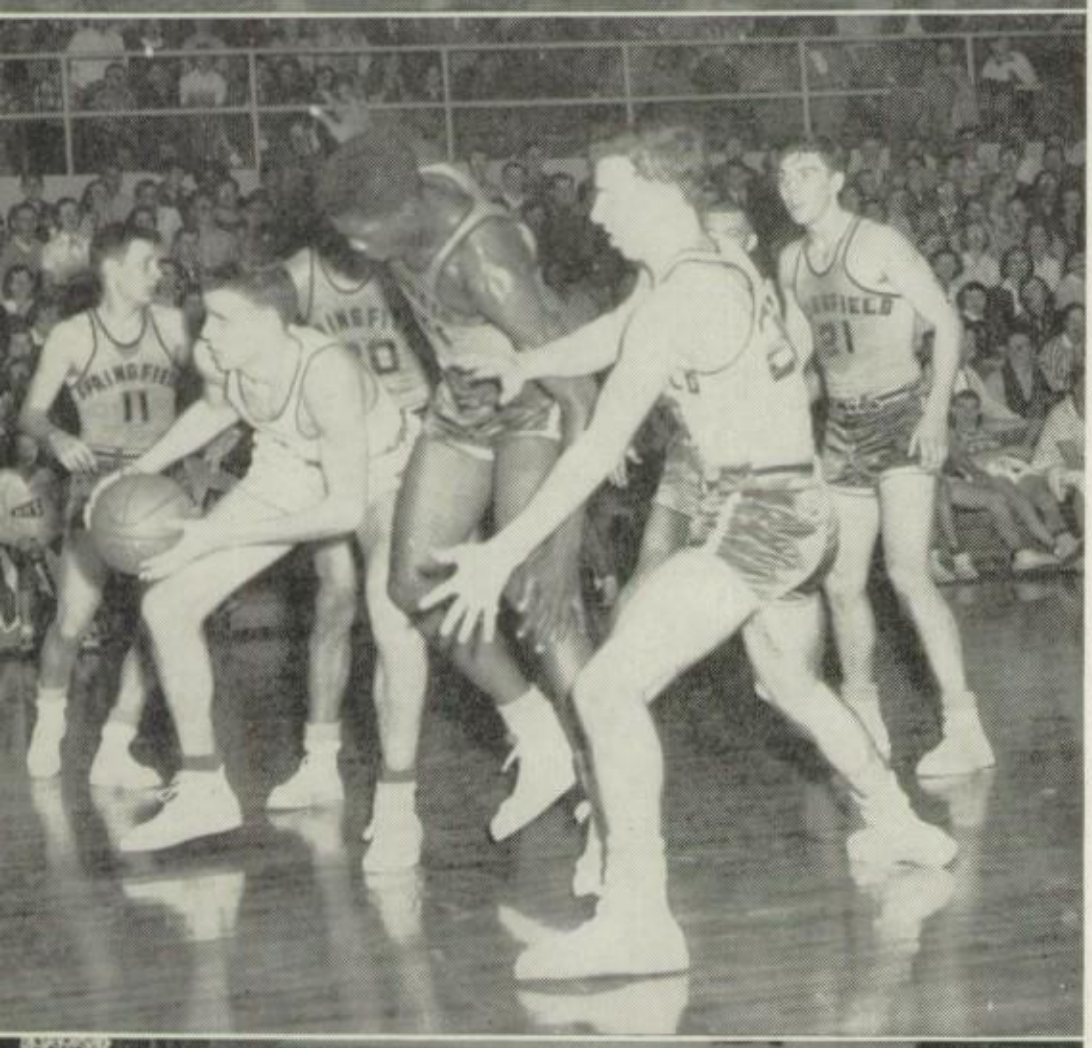
With all the scoring records being broken, the Middies romped to a 92-69 victory over Dayton Dunbar. Paul Walker's cagers started with a rush as they shackled 27 points through the nets in the first quarter and wound up with a 51-32 half-time advantage. They hit an amazing 52 per cent of their shots during this half. The Middies continued their hot pace during the second half with substitutes paving the way, as they went over the 90 mark with more than three minutes remaining in the contest. Eric Back was high scorer in the contest with 18 markers while Tom Hanley added 14 and Tom Dillman, 13.

COLUMBUS SOUTH

For the second time in three days the Middies pushed their scoring total to the 92 mark as they emerged with a 92-59 triumph over the tall Columbus South quintet. South started with a rush as they led the Middies throughout the first quarter and came up with a 23-20 lead. The Middies, however, with Tom Dillman leading the way, began to roll in the second quarter as they pulled away 43-31 at intermission. The Purple applied the crusher in the third period as they hit for 28 markers to run their lead to 71-48. The subs continued the onslaught in the final quarter running the score up to 92 before the clock ran out.

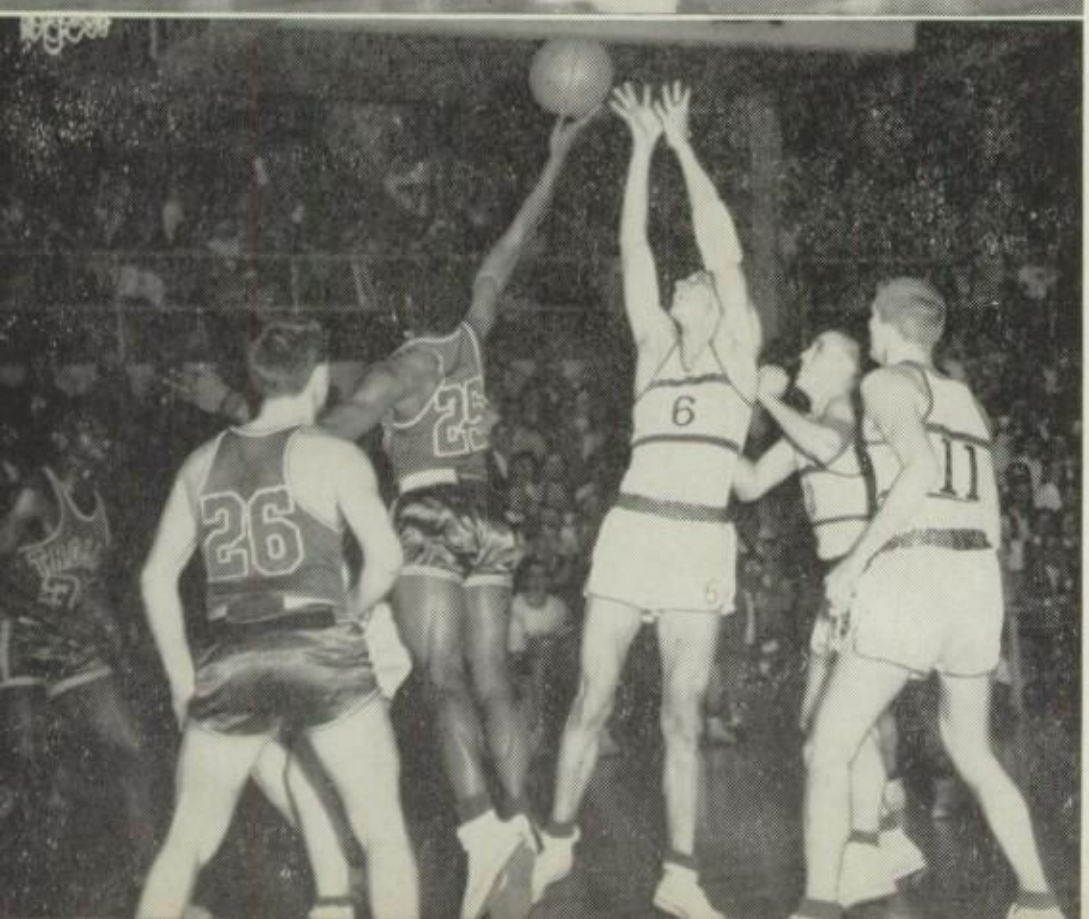
PORTSMOUTH

The Portsmouth High School Trojans proved to be the toughest team the Middies had faced thus far this campaign. The Trojans took the lead early in the first period and at halftime were on the better end of a 39-31 score. Coach Paul Walker's defending State titlists found the range in the third quarter as they took the lead for the first time. For a while it looked as if the dedication of the new Wade E. Miller Gym would be spoiled, but Portsmouth couldn't stop the fighting Middletown team in the second half. Owen Lawson led the Middies to a 76-70 victory with 20 markers; Carr had 21 for the losers.



HAMILTON

Nearly eight thousand rooters from Butler County saw the Hamilton Big Blue snap the Middies 19-game winning streak by a score of 66-63. It was a see-saw battle the first period with Hamilton up on top by two points. Hamilton turned on the heat during the second quarter and led at half time 36-25. The Middies came back strong the third canto to even the score 48-48 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The game ended with Hamilton the victor after a hard fought fourth period. The big difference was at the foul line as the Big Blue cashed in on 22 one-pointers. Alex "Boo" Ellis, junior center for the Big Blue, led his team to victory scoring 21 points and also controlling the rebounds. Hafer and Dillman, the outstanding men in the losing effort, scored 22 and 20 points, respectively.



LIMA SOUTH

The Middies got back on the winning trail again as they breezed to a 74-48 triumph over a flu-weakened Lima South quintet. Walker changed his starting lineup for the first time this season as he inserted 6'4" Tom Hanley in the pivot and moved Captain Cliff Hafer into Dick Witt's forward spot. South did not offer enough resistance, however, to really test the lineup change. Two Lima boys, Conally and Provost, led the scoring with 17 and 16 points respectively, while Tom Dillman headed the Middies with 13.

LIMA CENTRAL

For the second time in two nights the Middies battled a Lima team and this time the Purple came home with an 84-77 victory over a spirited Lima Central squad. After being ahead by 16 points at the end of the third quarter, the Middies saw their lead cut to only two points with over two minutes left in the contest. Then Tom Dillman dropped one in, Owen Lawson sank two quick lay-ups, and Dillman followed with two one-pointers. Tom Hanley started his second straight game and dropped in 13 markers in addition to geting more than his share of rebounds. Cliff Hafer accounted for 17 points and Owen Lawson added 16 to the Middie cause.

PORTSMOUTH

The Middies lost their second game when the Portsmouth Trojans came up with a 70-63 triumph over the Walkermen in Grant Gym at Portsmouth. The Purple just couldn't get rolling as Portsmouth romped to an 11-point intermission advantage and made it stand up in the second half. The Trojans were led by their three fine guards, Ted Hacquard, Dave Arnold, and Bill Oppenheimer, as they time and again came up with crucial baskets. Portsmouth obviously was keyed up for the encounter and their fans rushed out to carry the team off the floor after the final gun sounded. Owen Lawson and Tom Dillman practically carried the Middies on their backs as they dropped in 21 and 19 respectively.

ROOSEVELT

The Middies began to look like themselves again as they played a zone defense against Dayton Roosevelt and won an 82-61 victory over the tall Teddies. Coach Walker started Skeeter Payne at guard and moved Captain Cliff Hafer back to his familiar center post. The shift worked to good avail as the Middies showed the fight and drive that had been missing since the Hamilton game. After trailing 3-2 the locals hit 14 straight markers to jump into a 16-3 lead and were never headed. Eric Back led the way throughout the contest as he dropped in 23 points; Cliff Hafer added 17, and Owen Lawson, 15.

SPRINGFIELD

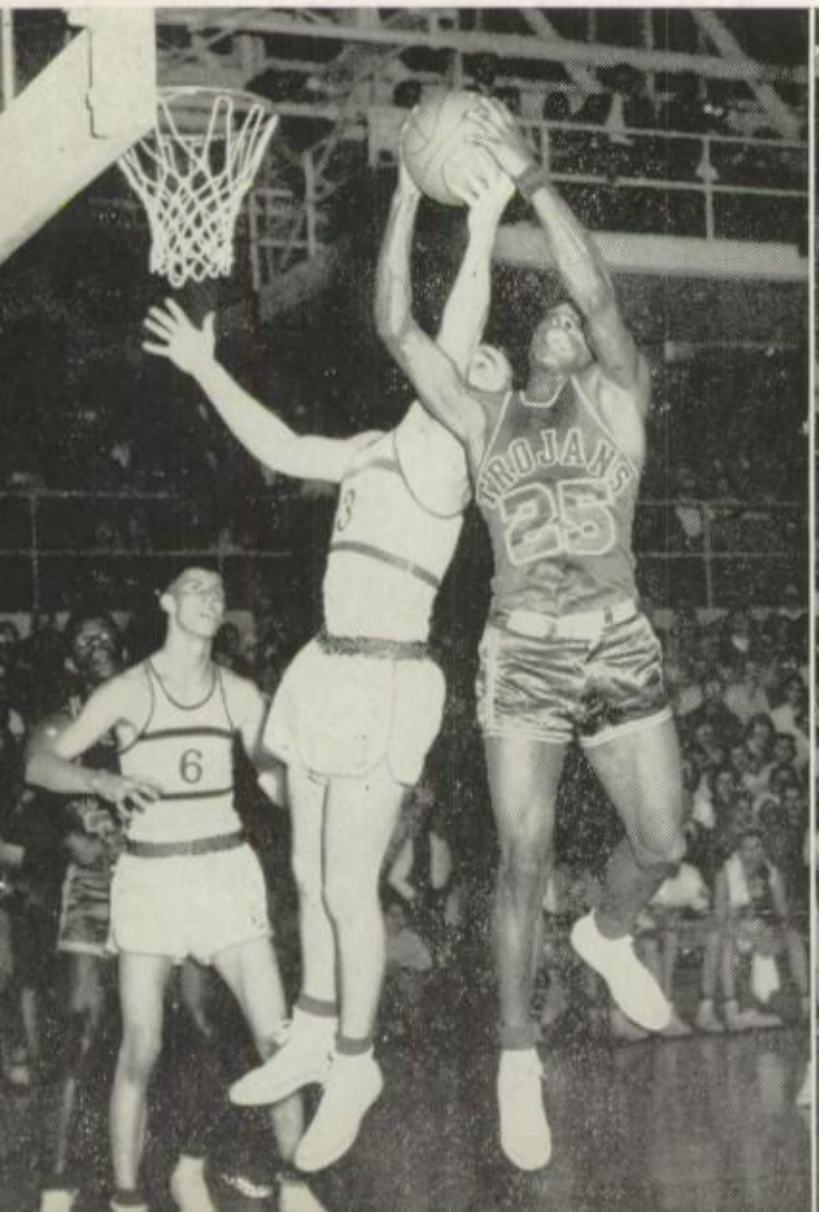
The Middies made the journey up to Springfield and came home with a hard fought 86-76 triumph over the Wildcats. After being behind throughout the first half, the Purple came from a five-point deficit to swish 50 through the nets after the intermission and assure their victory. The inspired Wildcats, led by Bill Miller and Jim Click, jumped to an early 11-3 lead, but the Purple, with the help of some phenomenal shooting by Cliff Hafer, roared back in the second half to pile up enough markers for the victory. Hafer wound up with 31 points, a team high for the season, and Owen Lawson added 20.

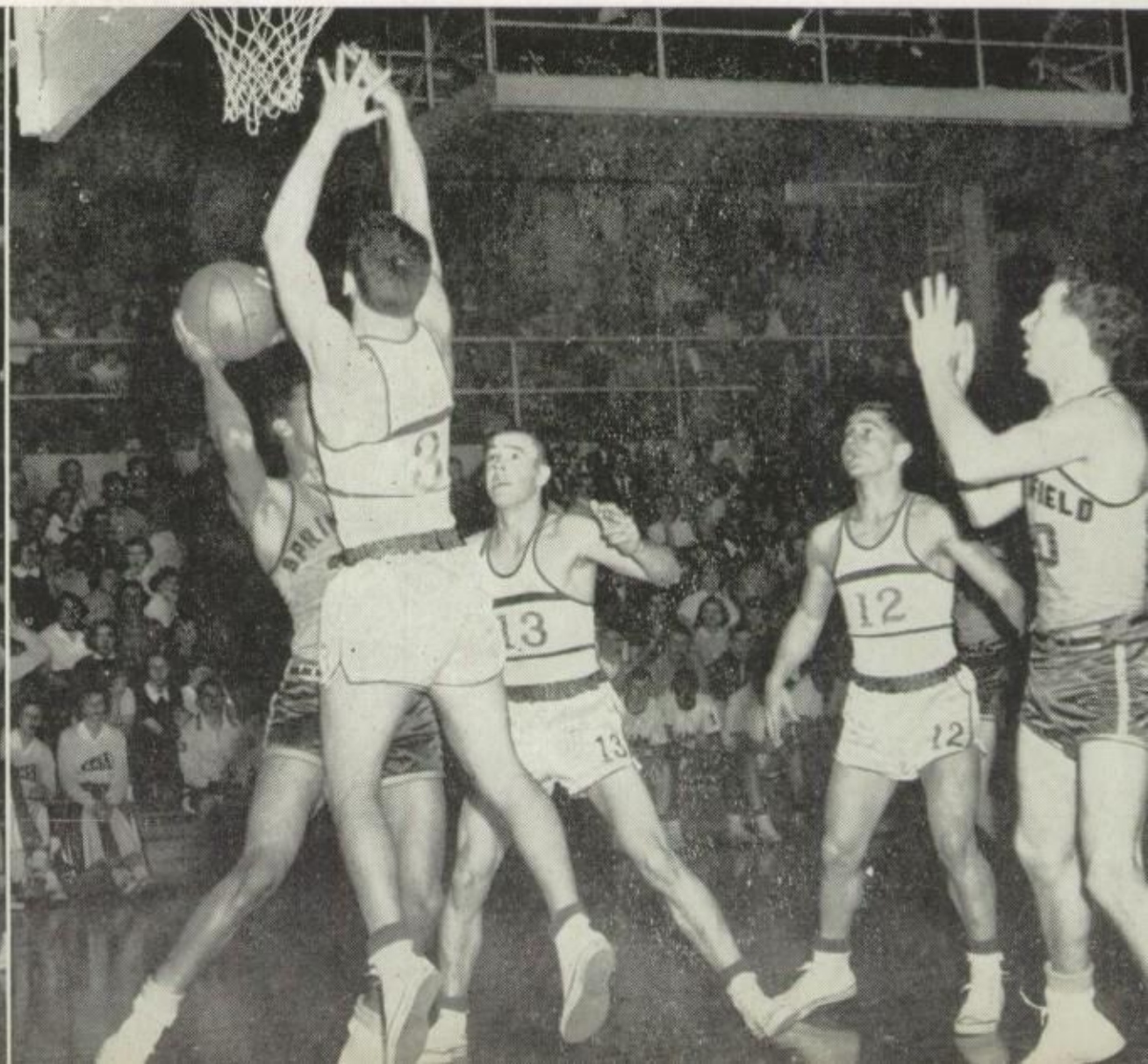
HAMILTON

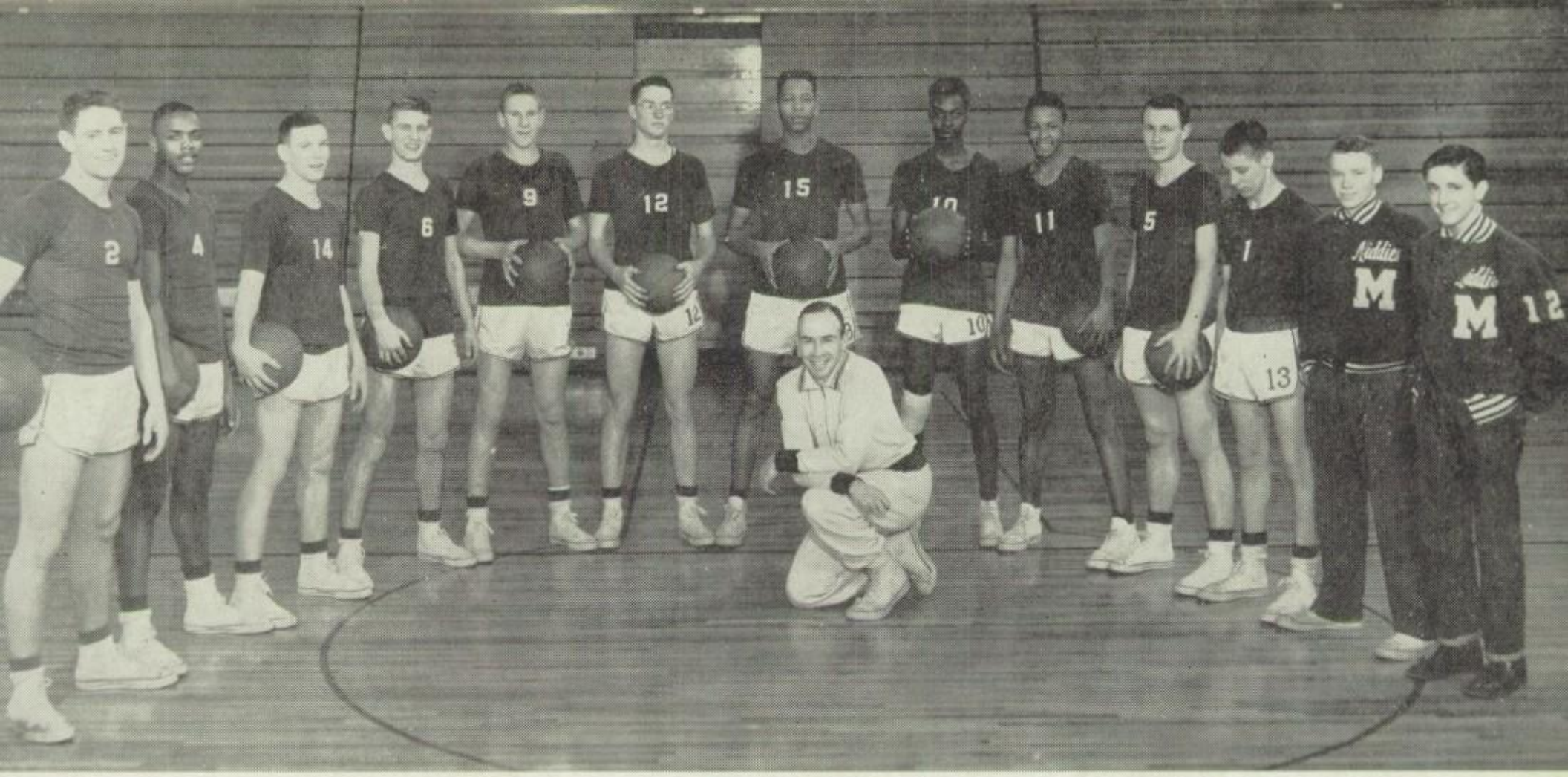
The Middies won their biggest game of the year when they defeated Hamilton's Big Blue 80-71 before 10,381 rabid fans at the Cincinnati Garden. The victory also gave the Purple a share of Southern Ohio League crown. The Middies jumped off to an early 9-point lead in the first quarter and stayed in the lead throughout the game except for a brief moment in the second quarter when the Blue went ahead 25-24. The triumph was definitely a team victory with four players doing most of the scoring. Tom Dillman played sensationally throughout the contest and wound up with 26 markers, while Owen Lawson hit for 21 points, 13 of them coming from the free throw line without a miss. Eric Back also turned in a sparkling performance and added 15 points to the Middies' cause. Cliff Hafer controlled both boards and chipped in 11 markers.

DAYTON KISER

The Middies closed their regularly scheduled season with a resounding 95-33 victory over a hapless Dayton Kiser five. The Purple started slowly but began to roll midway through the first quarter when Cliff Hafer hit two quick baskets. The subs took over after the first quarter and continued to tear up the nets until the final whistle sounded. The Middies' 95 points also broke their all-time scoring record as it eclipsed the 92 markers scored against Dayton Dunbar and Columbus South earlier in the season. Sophomore Charlie Watkins led the scoring with 16 markers, while Tom Dillman and Eric Back each chipped in 12.







Kneeling: Coach Bob Kramer

Standing: Denzil Ratliff; Leonard Johnson; Bill Davidson; Russell Craft; Ronnie Stokley; Tom George; Charles Watkins; Joe Johnson; Henry Mitchell; Don Adams; Paul Howard; Ed Palmer, Manager; David Polisini, Manager.

JAY VEE BASKETBALL

After dropping two early season starts by a total of 4 points, the Middie Jay Vees did an about-face and finished the season with a fine 15 won, 3 lost record. For the second consecutive year the Middies wrapped up the Southern Ohio League title, losing only a thriller to Portsmouth 60-59. The Middie Jay Vees also handed Hamilton's Baby Blue two more losses in the Cincinnati Garden to extend its winning streak to four straight over its Butler County rival. This year's Jay Vees averaged 59 points per game while holding the opponents to an average of 41 per game. Denzil Ratliff, Paul Howard, Charlie Watkins, and Ronnie Stokely provided the big scoring punch and are all being counted on to fill the shoes of the six departing State Champs.

Middletown	72	Miamisburg	18
Middletown	58	Franklin	41
Middletown	59	Jefferson	60
Middletown	38	Xenia	41
Middletown	51	Springfield	43
Middletown	54	Wilbur Wright	46
Middletown	63	Roosevelt Junior High	37
Middletown	65	Dunbar	37
Middletown	64	McKinley Junior High	31
Middletown	76	Portsmouth	54
Middletown	52	Hamilton	38
Middletown	48	Lima South	31
Middletown	76	Lima Central	57
Middletown	59	Portsmouth	60
Middletown	49	Roosevelt	35
Middletown	52	Springfield	41
Middletown	52	Hamilton	37
Middletown	65	Kiser	39

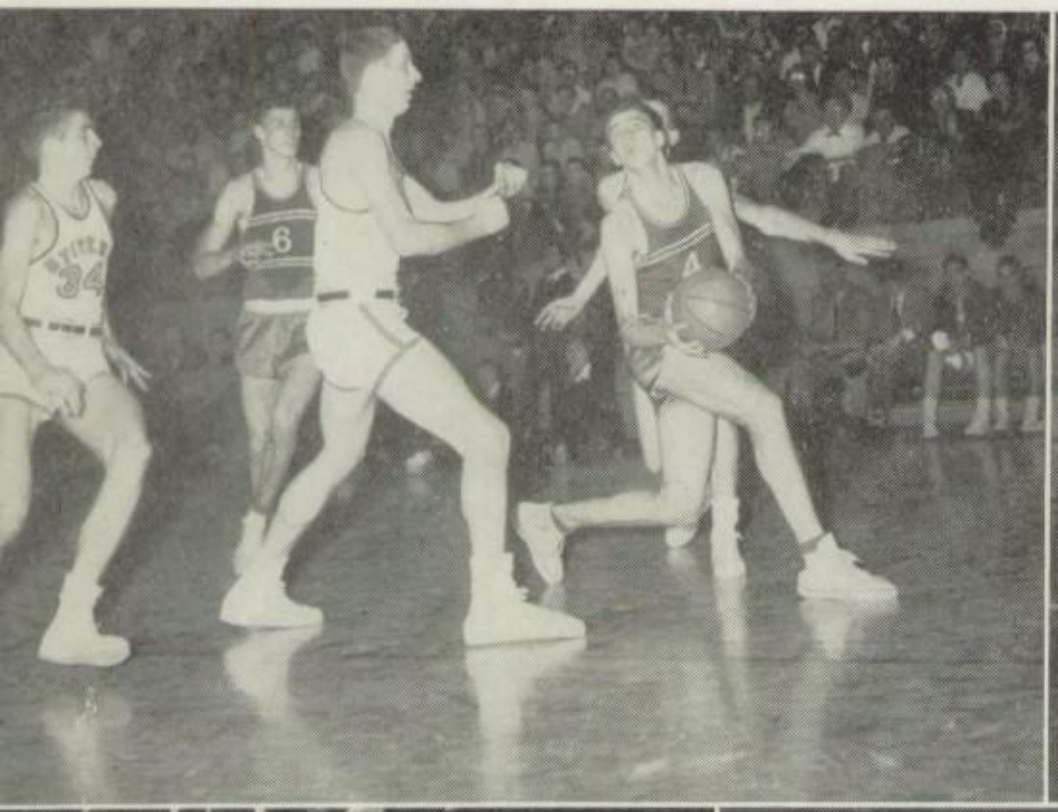
DISTRICT

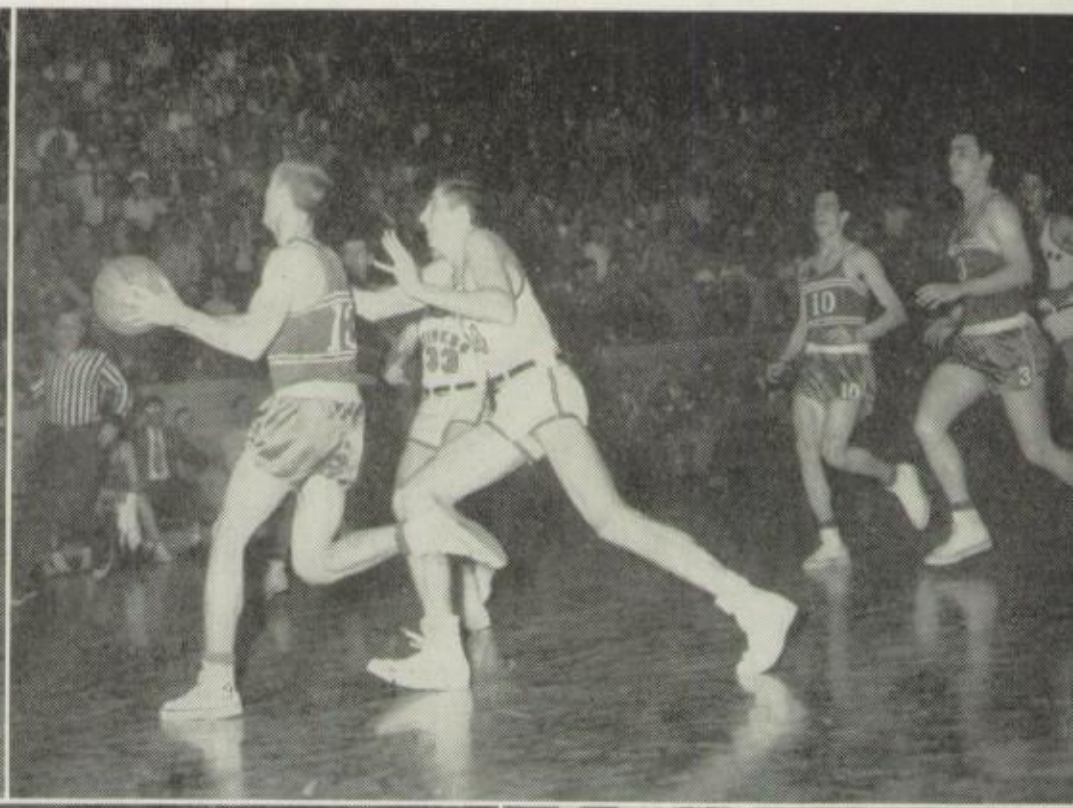
DAYTON OAKWOOD

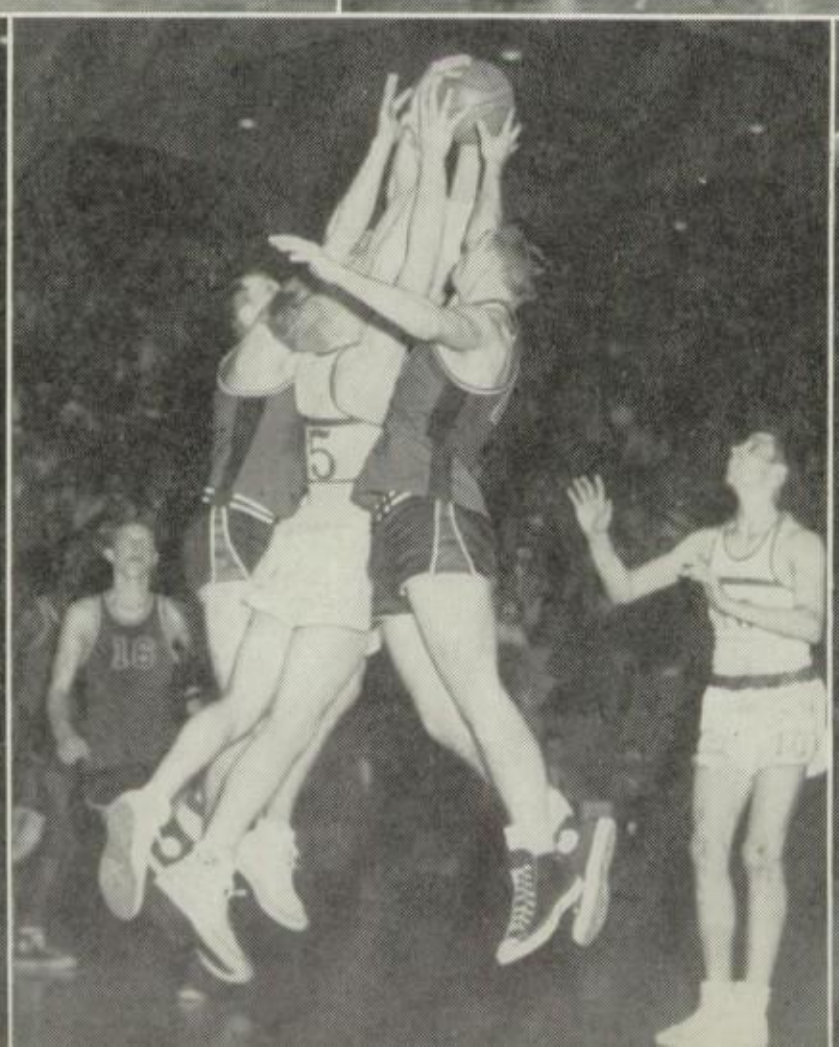
The Middies opened their quest for a second straight State Championship by romping to a 92-45 triumph over a stubborn Dayton Oakwood five. The Dayton quintet started strong and held the Purple to a 20-17 advantage at the first quarter, but the Walkermen then turned on the steam and completely outclassed the Oakwood boys for the rest of the contest. Coach Walker cleared the bench in the second half and the subs continued to "pour it on." Cliff Hafer led the Middie scoring machine with 18 points while Tom Dillman added 16 and Owen Lawson 14 to the Middie total. Schindler led the Dayton five with 21 markers.

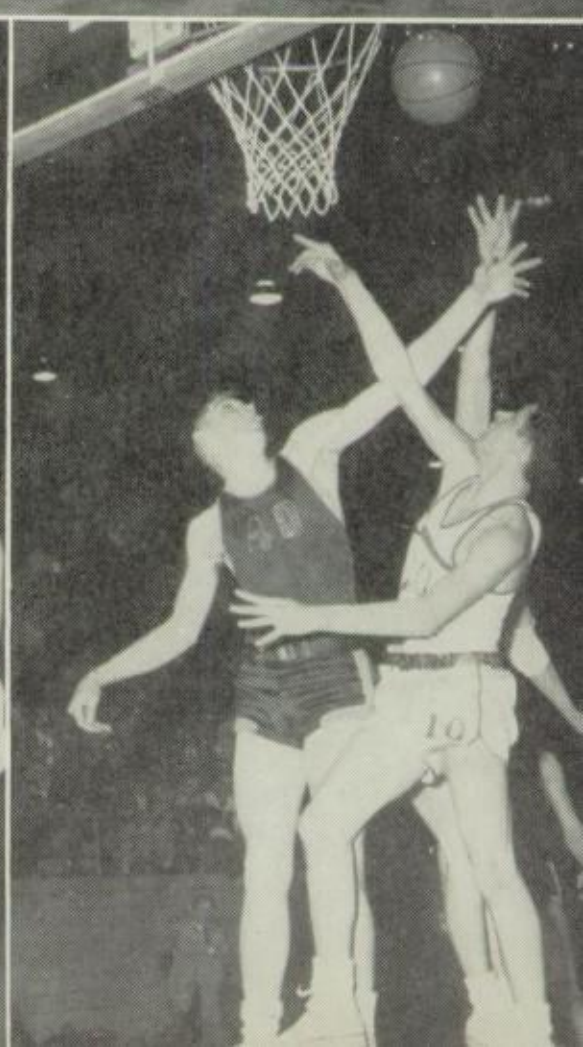
DAYTON WILBUR WRIGHT

The Middies had a first-class scare thrown into them when they ran up against Dayton Wilbur Wright, but they managed to come out of the contest with a 58-51 victory. The Pilots played possession ball throughout the contest and their tactics almost paid off. The Middies jumped into the lead at the start of the game and seemed on their way to an easy triumph when they had a 12-point margin early in the final quarter, but the Pilots whittled the lead down to one point with less than three minutes to go in the contest. Then Owen Lawson hit on two push shots and a driving lay-up and the Wilbur Wright threat was finished.









TOURNAMENT

DAYTON ROOSEVELT

The Purple and White cagers ran up against the tall Dayton Roosevelt quintet for the second time this season and finished on the long end of a 59-46 score. The contest was a hard fought game throughout, and it was only in the final minutes that the Middies pulled out to a commanding lead. Coach Walker pulled a surprise in starting Paul Johnson at a guard spot, and the veteran senior did a fine rebounding job along with hitting for seven points. The victory was strictly a team win as can be seen from the fact that the first four boys in the Middie scoring columns were within two points of each other. Hafer had 13 points, Lawson and Back 12 each, and Dillman 11.

DAYTON STIVERS

The Middies scored their most important victory of the year by outplaying the top-ranked Dayton Stivers quintet and winding up with a 59-49 triumph and the Dayton District Championship Crown. The win was all the more remarkable because Cliff Hafer, Tommy Dillman, and Owen Lawson had to sit out much of the game because of personal fouls. Eric Back took up much of the slack caused by the loss of the three starters and continually came up with crucial buckets in addition to playing a great floor game. Much of the victors' credit also goes to Tom Hanley and Paul Johnson who helped to control the boards in the clutch. Early in the final period with Dillman, Lawson, and Hafer sitting on the bench, Stivers cut the Purple advantage to 44-42, but Walker immediately inserted them and they managed to lead the team to an eight point lead before all fouled out.

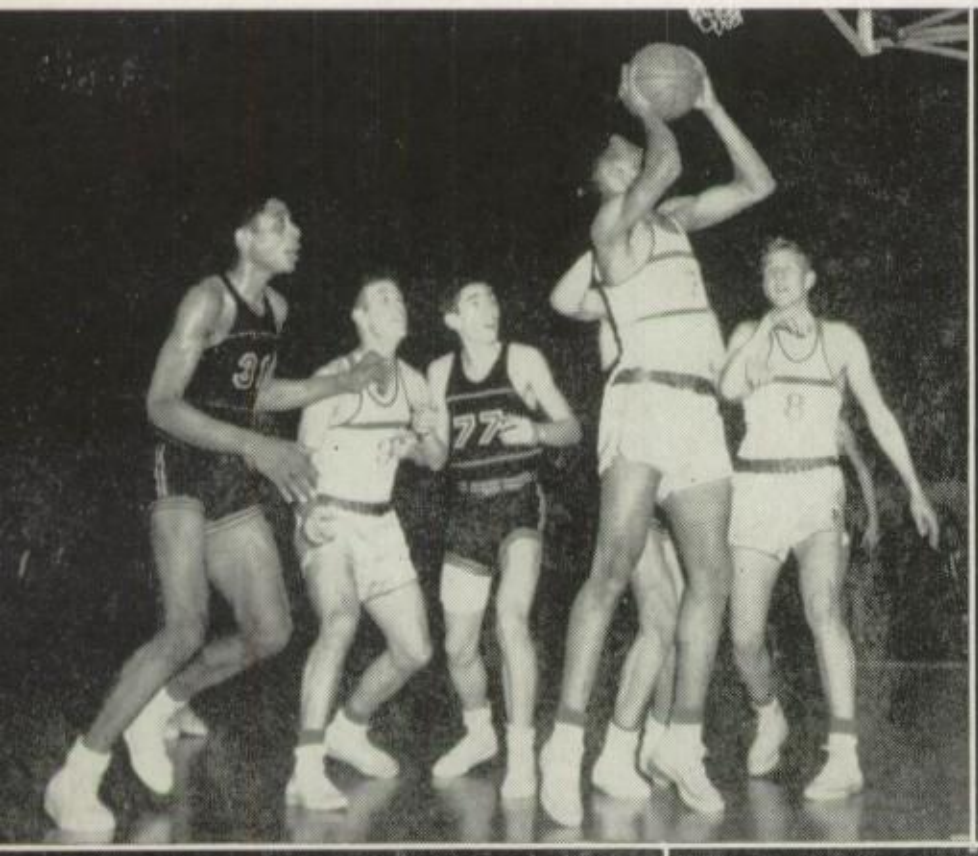
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

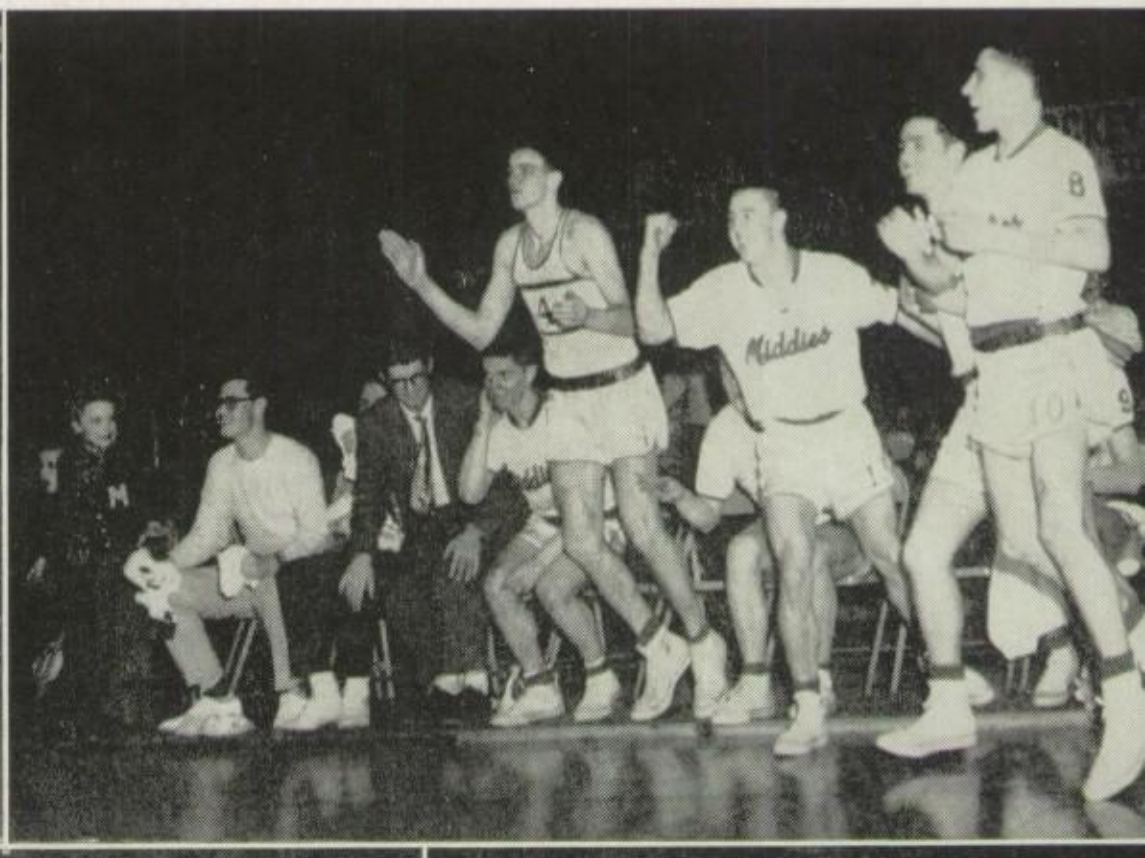
CINCINNATI ST. XAVIER

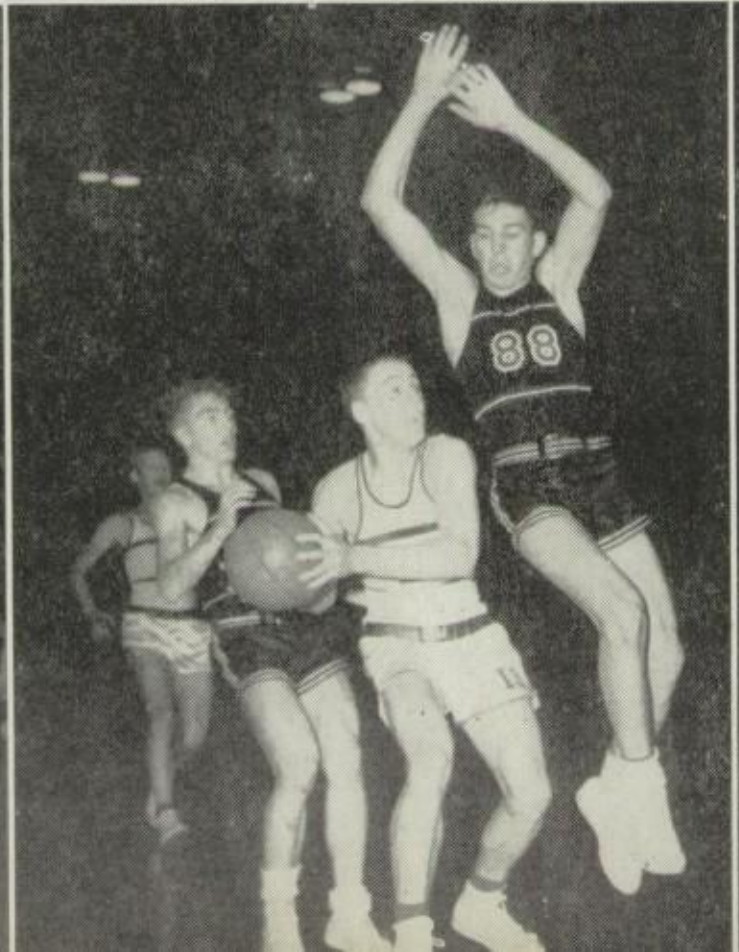
The powerful Middies took another step along the tournament trail as they ousted Cincinnati St. Xavier 76-56 in the opening contest of the Regional Tournament at the Cincinnati Garden. The Middies were held almost to a standstill in the first half, mainly due to the yoeman work of Al Sicking, the Bombers' 6' 5" center, who dumped in 19 points. The half ended with the score 30-26 in favor of the Middies. The Purple crew, however, led by Owen Lawson and Cliff Hafer pulled away from the tired Cincinnati team in the third quarter and finished easily. Hafer with 16 and Lawson with 12 led the Middie scorers. Sicking continued his hot pace throughout the game and wound up with 34 markers.

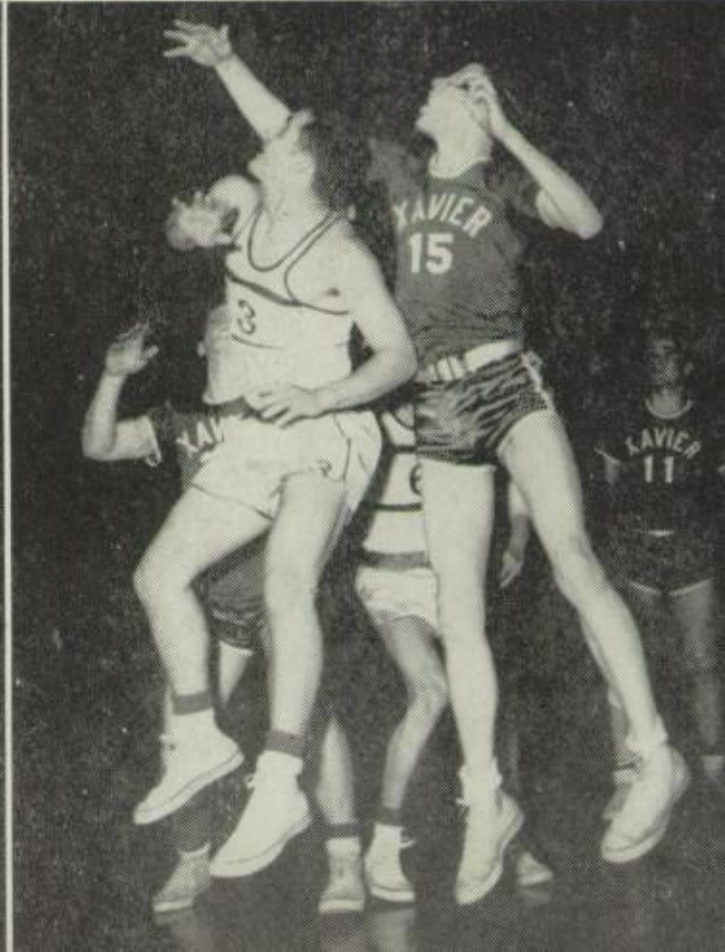
TECUMSEH

The Middies were at their best as they copped the regional crown to move on to the state meet by overwhelming a Tecumseh crew 76-42. The Middies hit on their first four attempts from the field to jump into an 8-5 margin and were never headed from there on out. Using a lightning-fast break, the Middies scored 15 points in three minutes of the second quarter to completely outclass the bewildered Tecumseh quintet. The Purple hit practically 50 per cent of their shots in the first half. The rest of the squad continued to burn up the court in the second half and when the final whistle sounded, the crowd knew that they had seen a championship squad in action. Owen Lawson led the Middies with 19 markers while Tom Dillman bagged 15 points and Paul Johnson, 10.









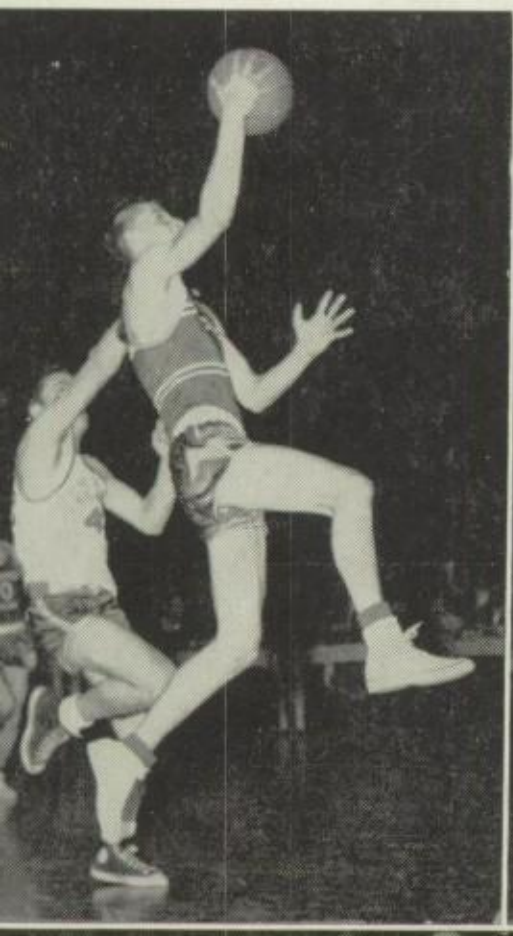
STATE TOURNAMENT

CLEVELAND ST. IGNATIUS

The Middies advanced to the final game of the State Tournament by downing Cleveland St. Ignatius 75-63 in a hard fought contest at the Cincinnati Garden. The first half was a nip and tuck affair being tied up five times before ending with each team having 33 points. The Middies, however, led by the spectacular play of Eric Back, picked up steam in the second half and jumped into a commanding lead. The St. Ignatius boys showed great spirit but they couldn't cope with the *Middie Magic* for the whole game. Back ended up with 22 points for his night's work along with Tom Dillman's 17 and Cliff Hafer's 16.

NEWARK

The mighty Middies won their second straight state Class A Championship by rolling over a tall Newark club 73-35. Newark led briefly 4-0 and 6-2, but the Purple quickly retaliated and unleashed a steady barrage of baskets to overwhelm the slower Wildcat five. Newark tried to control the ball and slow down the play, but their stalling tactics were of no avail. Owen Lawson tore up the nets as he swished 10 out of 13 shots through the hoops and added a free throw to lead the Purple to the triumph. Tom Dillman and Paul Johnson each hit 11 markers to tie for runner up honors. The Middies completely dominated the all-tournament team as Cliff Hafer, Tom Dillman, Owen Lawson and Eric Back all were named to the first string and Paul Johnson to the second team.



STATE CHAMPS

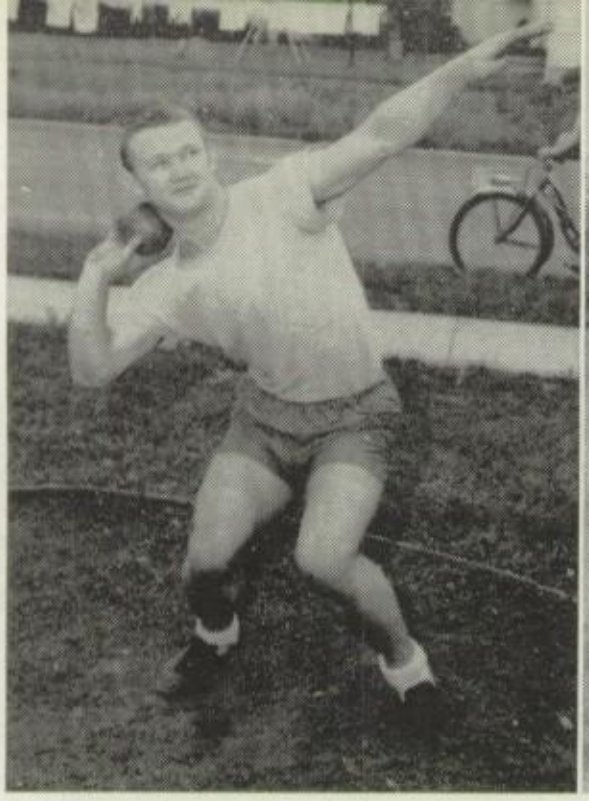
Kneeling forward: Denzil Ratliff, Paul Walker, Jr.
Kneeling rear: Charles Watkins, Eric Back, Ralph Phibbs, Owen Lawson, Skeeter Payne.
Standing: Coach Paul Walker, Bill Davidson, Ronnie Stokley, Tom Dillman, Tom Hanley, Cliff Hafer, Mr. Emsweiler, Paul Johnson.

This joyous Middie team was one of the greatest that ever represented Middletown High on the basketball floor. In addition to winning the coveted state championship for the second straight year, this cage crew had many other honors and records to their credit. On the Dayton District all-tournament team were Owen Lawson and Cliff Hafer while Tom Dillman was named to the second team. The Purple also dominated the State Tournament squad with Owen Lawson, Eric Back, Tom Dillman, and Cliff Hafer all being chosen for the first team and Paul Johnson to the second. Cliff Hafer was honored for his sparkling play all year when he was chosen on all of the various all-state teams which were announced at the end of the season.

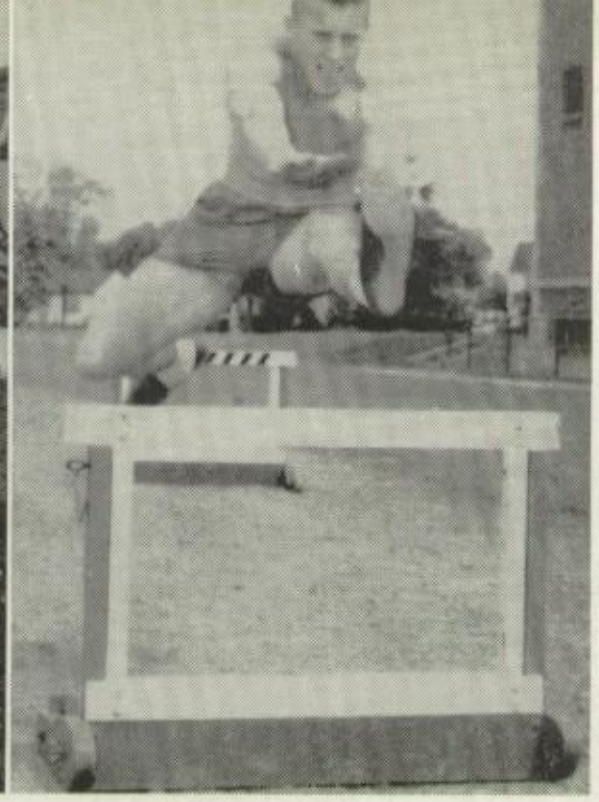
The Middies as a team broke more than their share of records. The Purple scored over 2000 points the past season, more than 300 over their previous high. Their offensive average was over 77 points per game. The Middies also went over the 90 mark in four different games last season. Their high was 95 in the season finale against Dayton Kiser. Many other miscellaneous scoring records were also broken.

HOMECOMING

CELEBRATION



Dorsie Blankenship



Lacy King

1952

Cliff Hafer

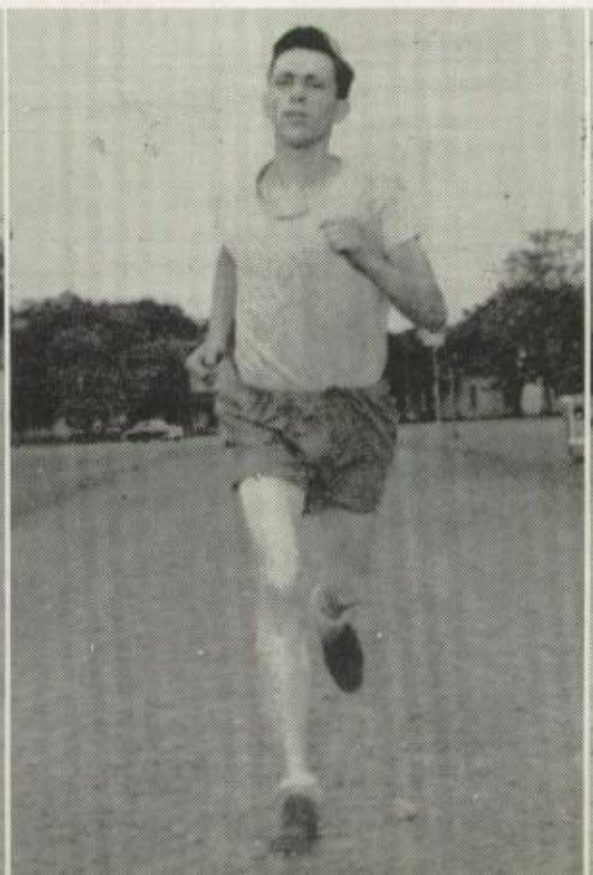
TRACK TEAM

The Middie track team took third place in the Southern Ohio League. In the District Meet Don Barker took second place in the mile run. Jerry Harkrader qualified first in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes, but due to cold, rainy weather he pulled a muscle in his leg and was unable to run. Harkrader, top man on the team, won the Penthalon trophy and Cliff Hafer was runner-up. Dick McDonald won the non-letterman trophy and Bob Larison was runner-up.

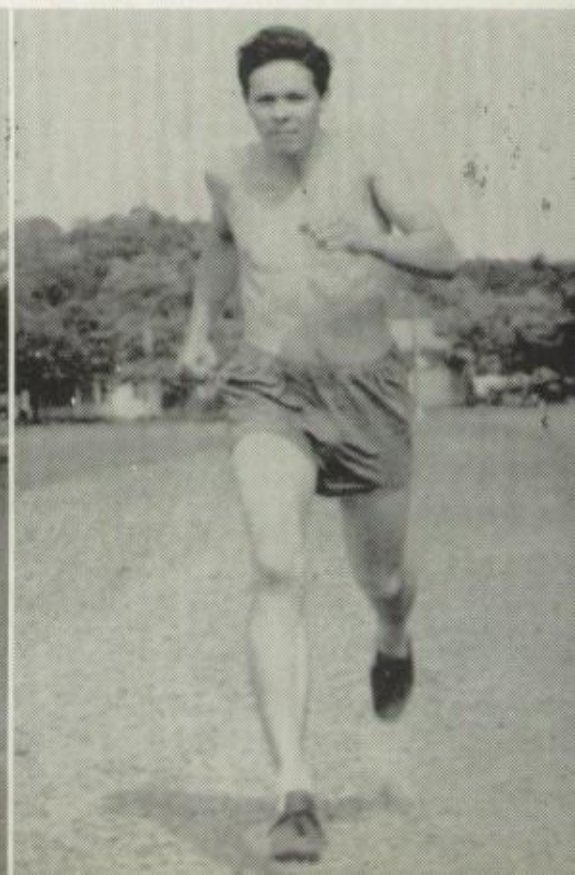
The varsity lettermen were as follows: Jerry Harkrader, Dave Watson, Bill McGuire, George Jones, Eddie Mynhier, Lacy King, Ralph Phibbs, Dorsie Blankenship, Jim Kemp, Buddy Jones, Jack Diefenbach, Lee Saylor, Don Barker, Tom Hayes, Frank Williams. JV lettermen were Mike Hoover, Bob Larison, Jack Egelston.

Buddy Jones

Lee Saylor



Don Barker



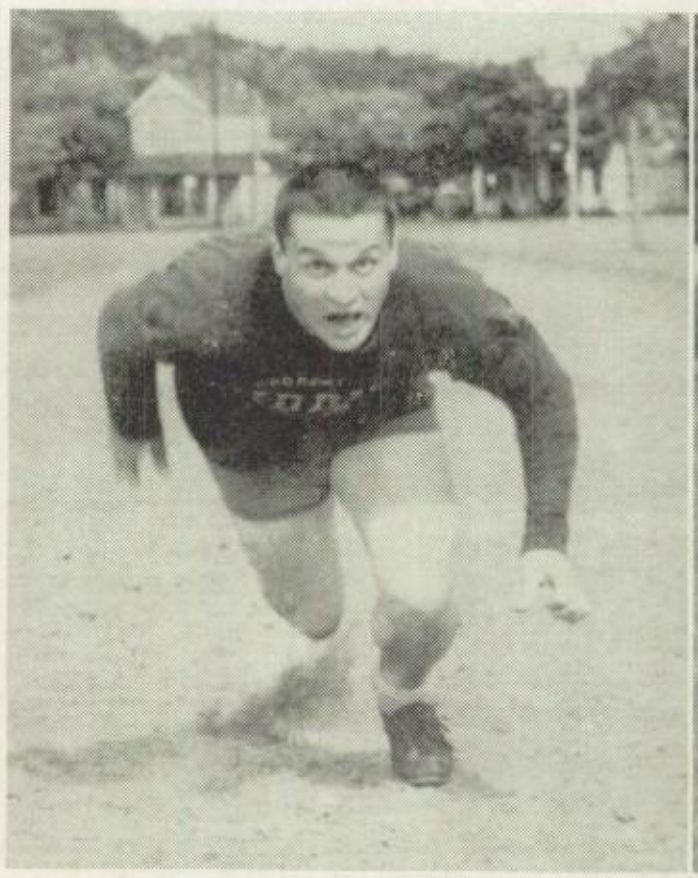
1st Row — Ralph Phibbs, George Jones, Jim Kemp, Jack Diefenbach, Buddy Jones, David Watson, Jerry Harkrader, Lacy King, Tom Hayes, Cliff Hafer, Dorsie Blankenship, Don Barker, Paul Johnson, Coach Glenn Ellison.

2nd Row — Donald Wilkinson, Percy Jefferson, Frank Williams, Allan Karchner, Don Schneider, Tom Harmon, Gene Moon, Eddie Mynhier, Mike Hoover, Bob Larison, Lee Saylor, Bill Bankston, Earl Mack, Jack Egelston.

3rd Row — Manager John Schrote, Oscar Day, Bill Billett, James Hart, Winford South, Clarence Boyd, Paul Fisher, Dean Phillips, Tom Daniels, Richard Ristaneo, Bob McFeeter, George Pardonner, Jim Jewell, Dick LeForce, Bob Geis, Talt Kendrick, Amos DeWitt, Jim Barnett, Ronnie Whitt, Don Smith, Tom Sullivan, Gerry Perry, Don Mason, Jim Burgess.

1952 TRACK RECORD

Middletown	49	Fairmont	38		
Middletown	58 2/3	Hamilton	60		
Middletown	50	Roosevelt	68		
Middletown	99	Lebanon	18 1/2	Seven Mile	25 1/2
Middletown	76 1/2	Kiser	41 1/2		
Middletown	82 2/3	Hamilton	81 1/3		



Jerry Harkrader

Jack Diefenbach

1st Row — Dick Boehm, Ronnie Caudill, Skeeter Payne, Tommy Dillman, Paul Johnson, Walt Doench, Bill Dorenbusch.

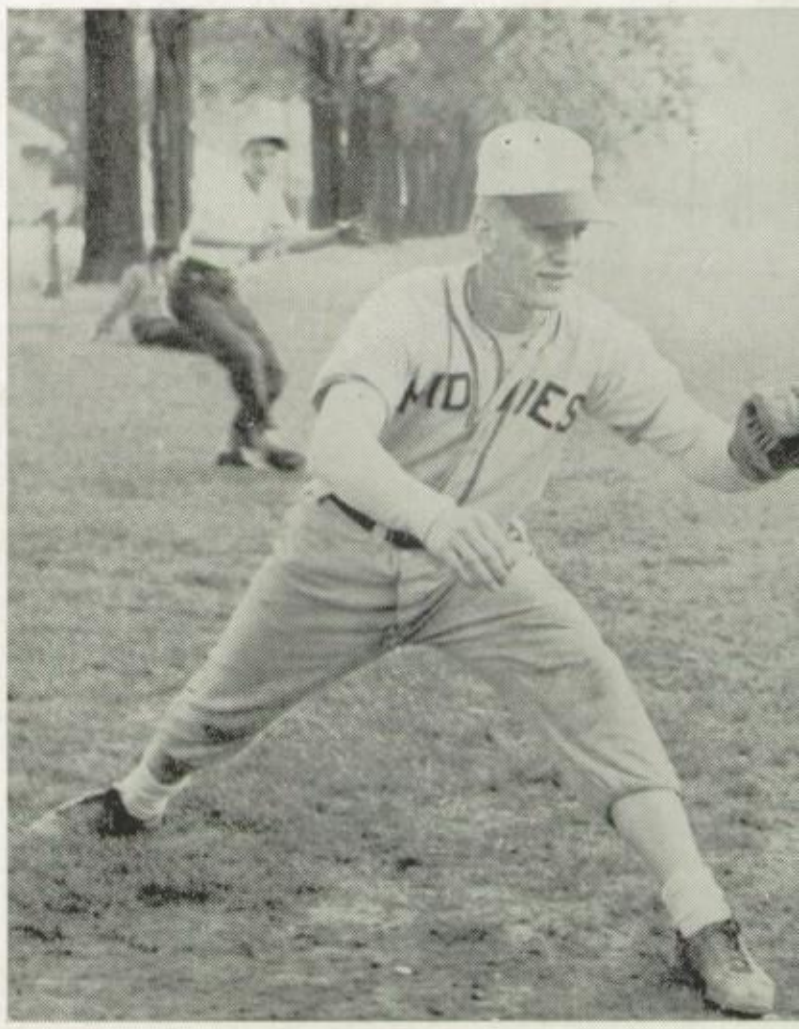
2nd Row — Coach Diehl, Wayne Norris, Seth Howard, Steve Neal, Richard Fuller, Bob Rock, Buddy Bratton, Jim Dalton, Jim Mosier, Bob Livzey.

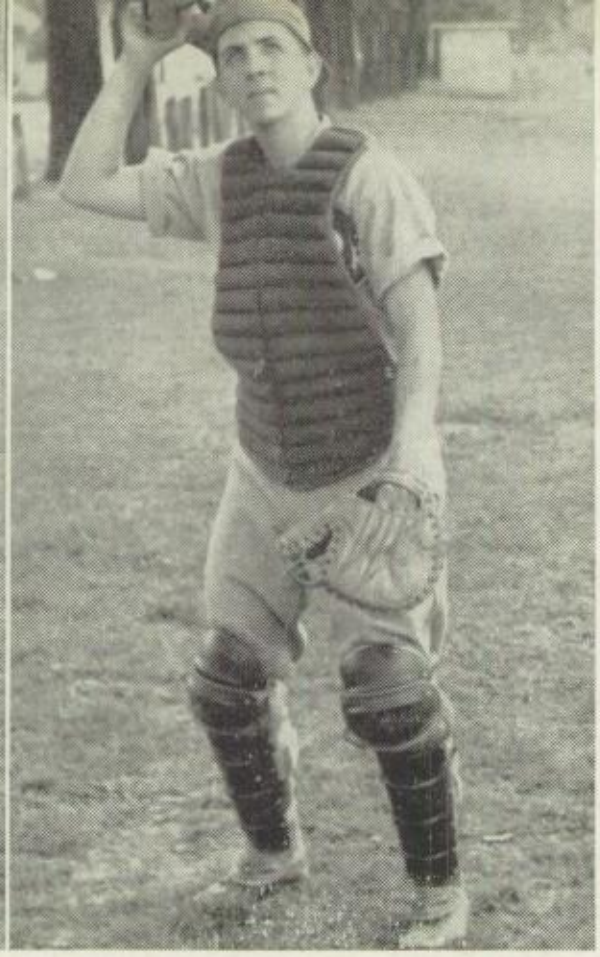
3rd Row — Ronnie Stokley, Jerry Craft, Norman Sampson, Tom Hanley, Sidney Hatfield, Terry McGuff.

BASEBALL

Bob Rock, absent when individual pictures were taken, was the utility man in Deacon Diehl's baseball machine of 1952. Bob played in the infield and also pitched in a relief role. He was also one of the Middies' leading men at the plate along with Walt Doench and Tom Dillman. Ronnie Caudill and Dick Boehm carried the pitching load for the Middies. Walt is now playing in the Minor League under the Chicago White Soxs.

Tom Dillman

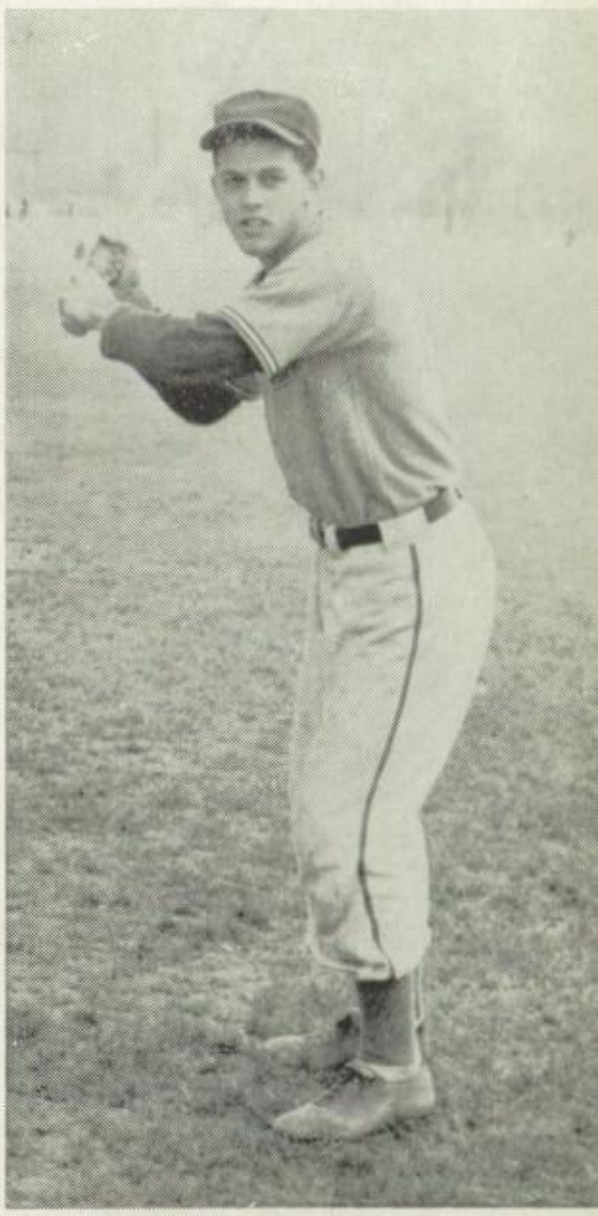




Buddy Bratton

Richard Fuller

Walt Doench



1952 BASEBALL RECORD

Middies	4	Franklin	1
Middies	1	Wayne	0
Middies	1	Springfield	2
Middies	3	Miamisburg	8
Middies	8	Hamilton	0
Middies	3	Kiser	2
Middies	12	Kiser	15
Middies	3	Roosevelt	4
Middies	2	Portsmouth	4
Middies	4	Hamilton	1
Middies	14	Franklin	3

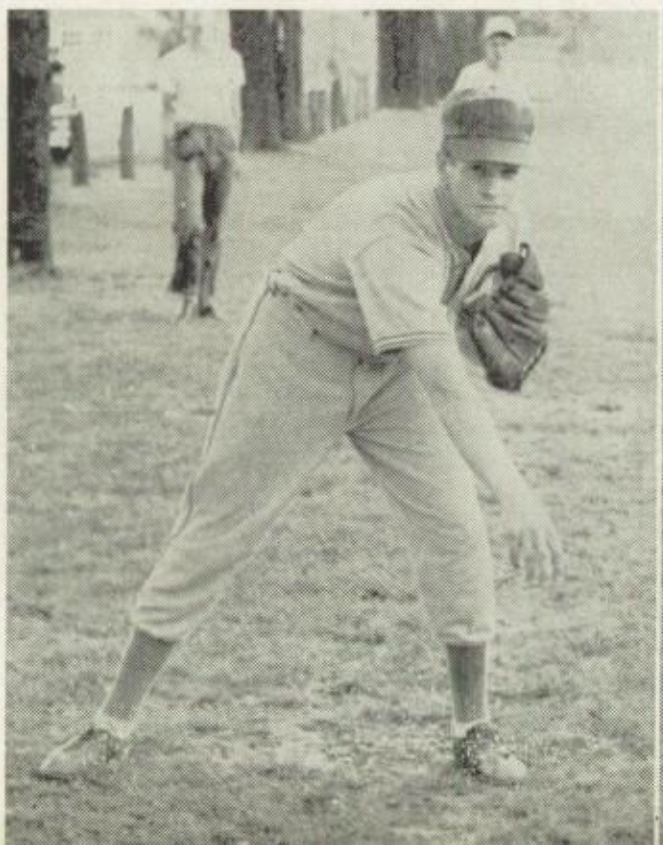
DISTRICT

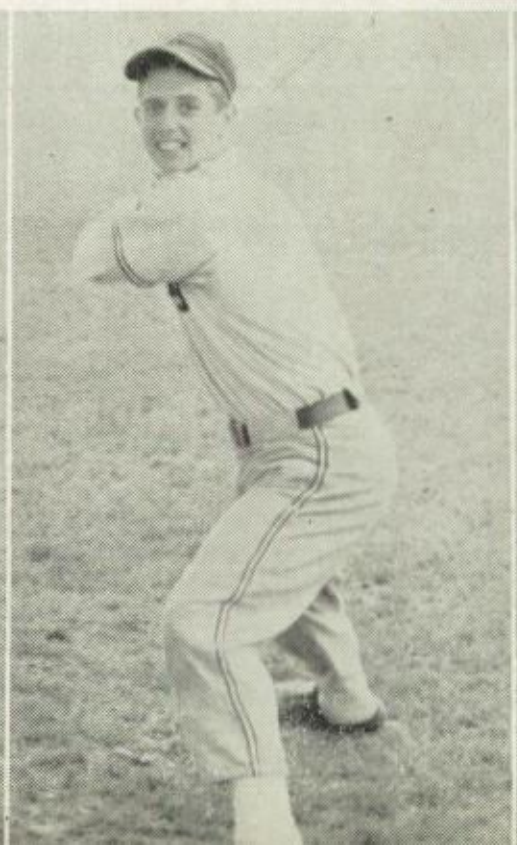
Middies	3	West Milton	5

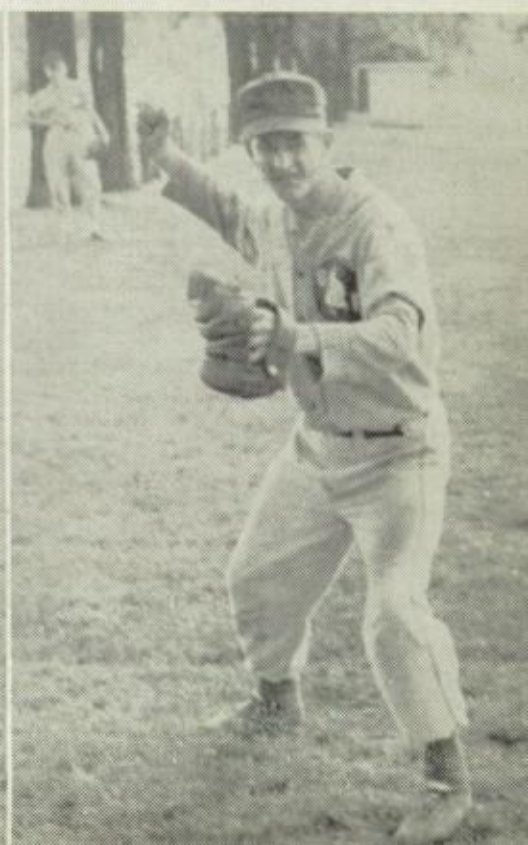
Ronnie Caudill

Skeeter Payne

Steve Neal







1st Row — Don Hackney, Roy Davidson, Dick Moyer.
2nd Row — Jim Cahill, Bruce Schmacker, Julian Kindred, Charles Stiles, Bob Swanger.
3rd Row — Coach Harold Mason, Art Draut, Ken Naudin, Kenneth Rupp, Fritz Foutz, Mack Maffett, Phil Price.

TENNIS

The Middletown High School Boys' Tennis Team, coached by Harold Mason, closed out the 1952 season with a 6-0 match record. Due to a deluge of rain, five of the eleven scheduled meetings were cancelled. They succeeded in defeating Hamilton twice by a score of 4-1, and once by blanking them 5-0. Dayton Oakwood tasted defeat at the hands of the Masonites twice in the season by tallies of 4-1. Winding out their "shrunken" schedule with a 5-0 blank on Wyoming, some of the members entered the Southern Ohio League tournament at Springfield. Dick Moyer grabbed the singles crown at this contest, thus completing a successful season for the boys' tennis team.

CHAMPS

Middletown's Don Hackney and Roy Davidson teamed up for the first time in Springfield to win the Southwestern Ohio District Class A high school tennis doubles championship. Then they traveled to Columbus for the state tournament. Losing only 20 games in hiking the doubles trail, they took this much-envied prize by defeating Robert Buss and Morton Zeff 6-1, 6-4. They were the first tennis players in the history of Middletown High to win a state title. A bronze plaque has been put in the Wade E. Miller Gym commemorating their achievement.

Sitting: Betty Roush, Margaret Schlup, Susan Rupp.
Kneeling: Janet Moyer, Carol Heller.
Standing: Lois Helsinger, Susan Hagen.
Not in picture: Gwynne Finkleman.

Middletown	5	Dayton Fairmont	0
Middletown	5	Hamilton	0
Middletown	4	Dayton Oakwood	1
Middletown	5	Cincinnati Wyoming	0
Middletown	5	Hamilton	0
Middletown	3	Dayton Oakwood	2
Middletown	5	Cincinnati Wyoming	0

TENNIS

The Middletown High School Girls' Tennis Team, frapping their way through seven matches, had an undefeated season. Pouding the tiny white sphere expertly, the girls had one of the most successful seasons in Middletown High's tennis history. The team chalked up a victory over Dayton Fairmont, and two victories over Dayton Oakwood, Hamilton and Cincinnati Wyoming.

Betty Roush

BOXERS

Freddie Mayabb, Bob Stevens, Tom Roper, Charles Allen, Pat Mack.

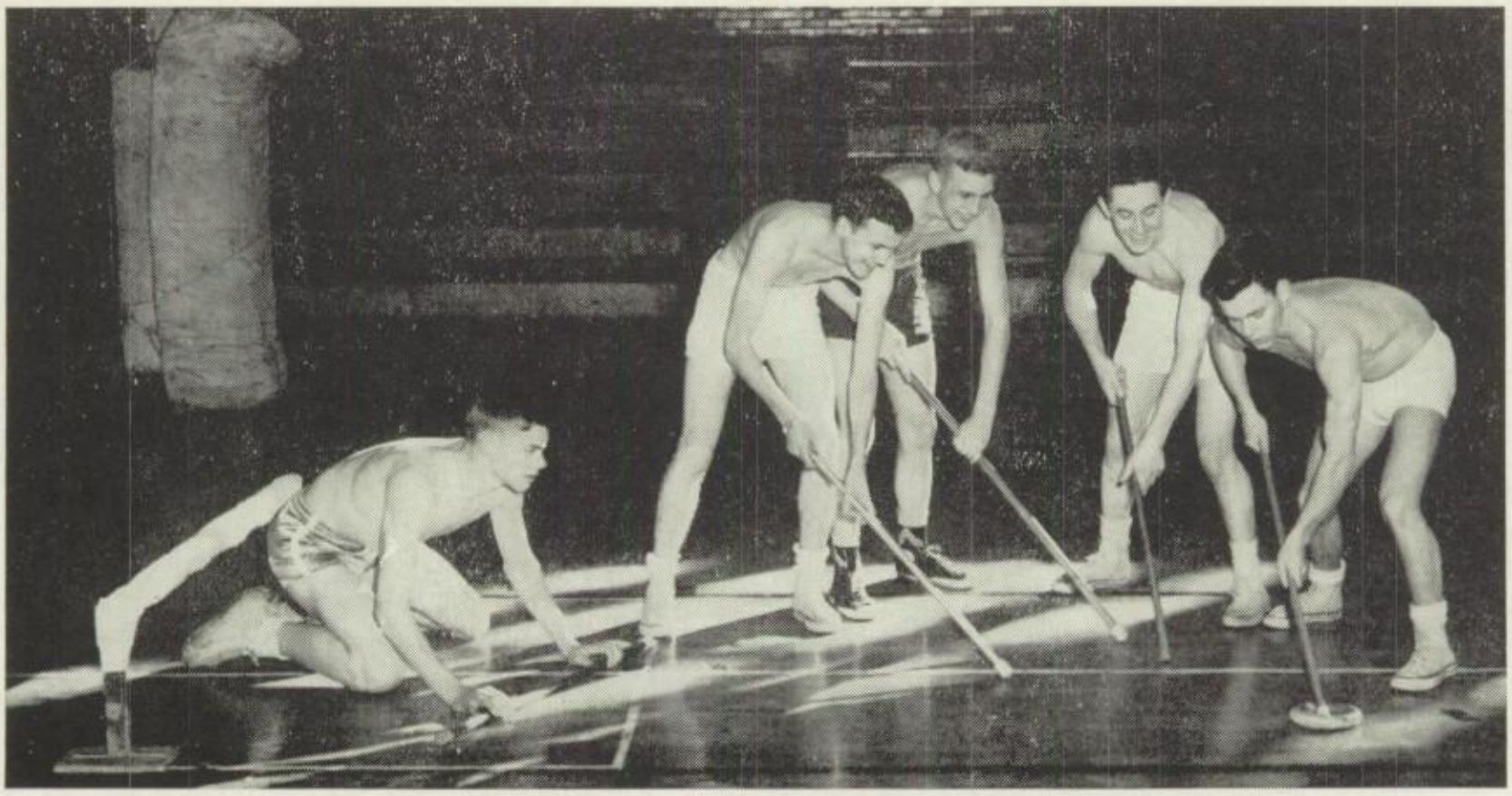
The boxing eliminations were held after school with every safety precaution available to protect the competitors. These boys defeated all boys in their weight class to be crowned *champ*, an honor they justly deserved.

INTRAMURALS

The *Browns* went through the season undefeated to capture the crown when eight teams met at Lincoln Field and battled it out in league play.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

1st Row — Julian Kindred, Don Mason, Don Schneider, Charles Feledy, Dan Hayes.
2nd Row — Buddy Jones, Don Murphy, Bobby Larison.



Ronnie Whitt, Don Murphy, Tom Goodwin, Bob McFeeter, Bobby Larison.

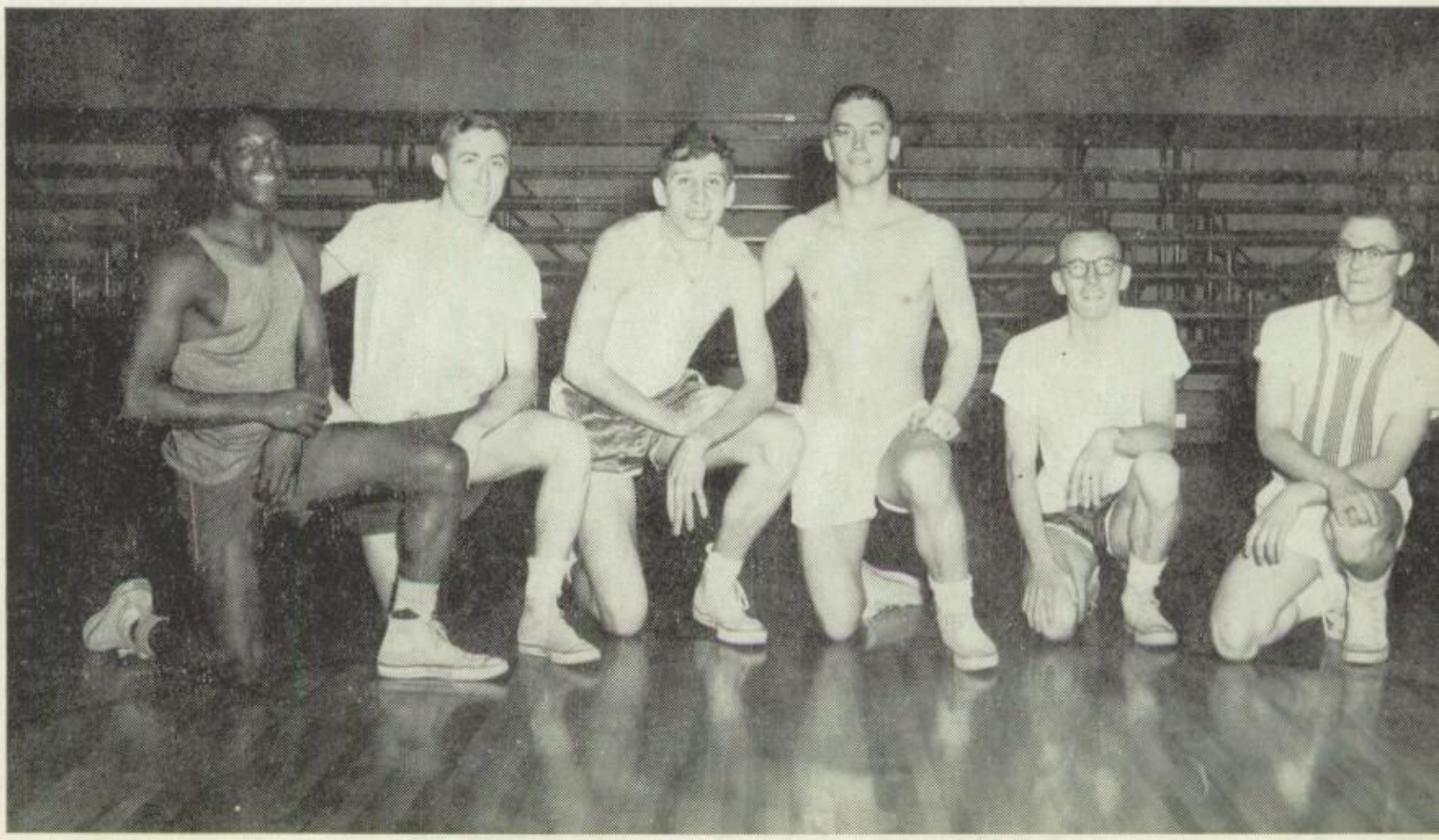
HOCKEY

This game is new at Middletown this year but it surely has found a place in the program, for it combines the thrill of basketball, the stamina and aggressiveness of football, and the skill of ice hockey. The boys pictured were not without bruises to show for their championship.

BASKETBALL

The *Red Dogs* proved to be too strong for any senior team, as well as the winners of the sophomore and junior leagues. They defeated a team from Hamilton High in extramural competition, but met their match when they played host to a team from Miami University.

James King, Dick Boehm, Phillip Redding, Lacy King, Robert Rhodes, Bob Rock.



BADMINTON

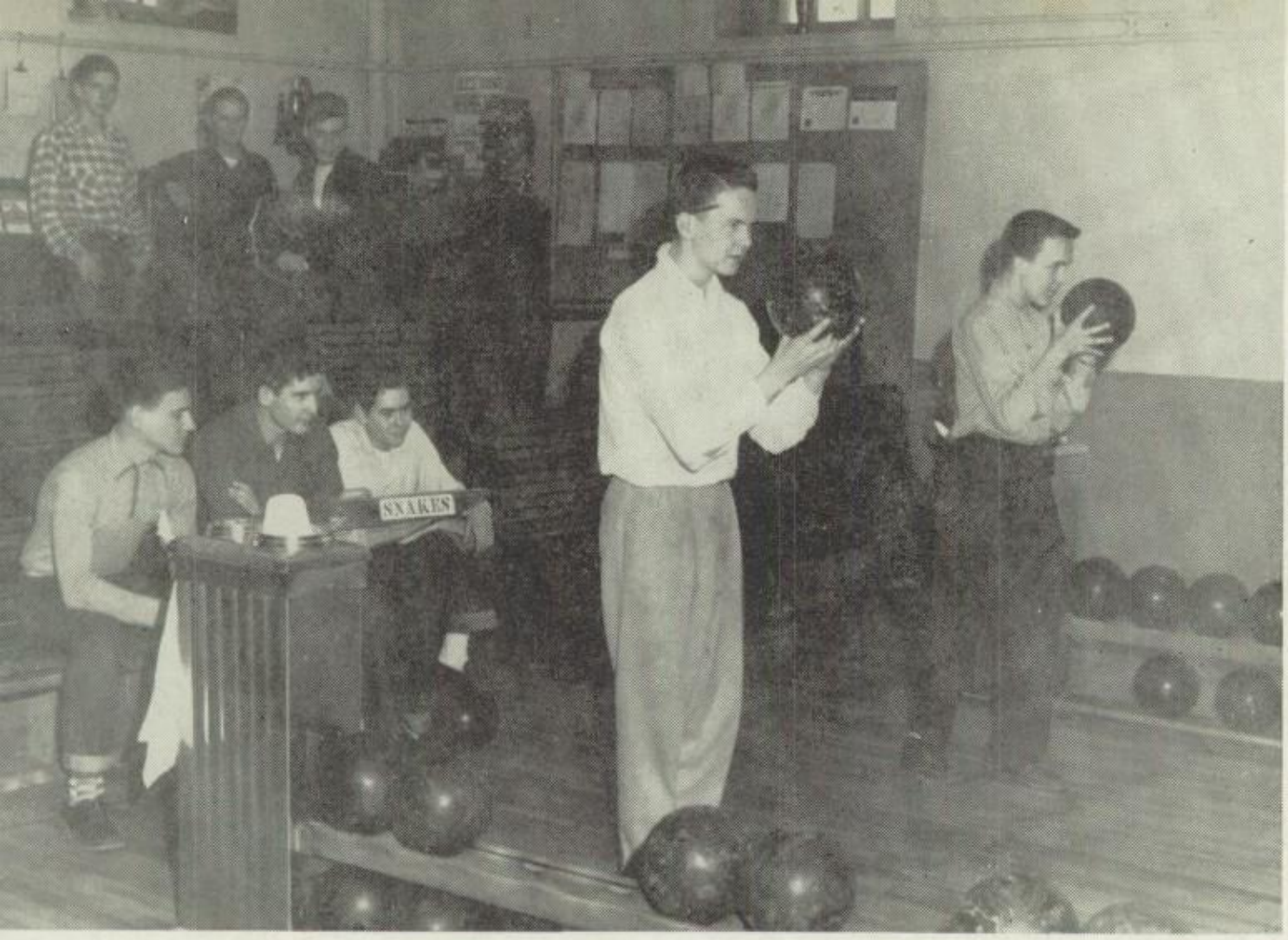
Dan Hayes proved very adept with the badminton racket to win his right as the singles champ.

HIGH JUMP

Using the scissors style jump David Craig cleared 5' 3" to be awarded the high jump award.

FOUL THROW

Jerry Brown won out in the foul throwing tournament. Each boy shot 100 fouls and Jerry led with 81.



Sitting — Paul Lansaw; Larry Abner, captain; Bill Brown.
Standing — Dale Shockey, David Holbrook.

BOWLING

INTRAMURALS

The maple splintered at the YMCA alleys as the boys' league with eight teams rolled each Wednesday. Two rounds of bowling were run off during the winter with several boys showing promise of great things as wielders of the ebonite ball.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball tournament was an open event. Five teams entered in round-robin tournament with the *Frenchies* emerging victorious. They were Don Mason, Don Murphy, Don Schneider, Buddy Jones, Dan Hayes, Charles Feledy, and Bill McQuire.

Kneeling — Officers: Susan Rupp, historian; Coralie Weikel, recording secretary; Jean Hambleton, vice-president; LaWanda Mockbee, president; Barbara Withers, corresponding secretary; Ruthie Moorman, treasurer.

Standing — Managers: Ruth Roess, archery; Kiki Demetrion, baseball; Nancy Romans, golf; Gwynne Finkleman, table tennis; Lois Helsinger, badminton; Janet Thomson, riding; Donna Lester, trampoline; Lynn Hayes, swimming; Bea Getz, marathon; Carol Heller, tennis; Louise Hall, volleyball; Elaine Hohman, basketball; absent when picture was taken - Marilyn Fitzgerald, bowling.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Serving as an outlet for pent-up energy stored by MHS femmes, G.A.A. offers after-school activity in thirteen different sports. Every member of the organization is expected to participate in at least one sport during the year, be it archery, baseball, golf, table tennis, badminton, riding, swimming, trampoline, marathon, tennis, volleyball, basketball, or bowling. Those wishing to take part in team sports are divided into various contingents which contend against each other. Individual contests are run off in class, with finalists competing after school.

Work done during the year is directed toward one goal - an award which is bestowed at the Mother-Daughter Banquet staged in the spring. To qualify for class numerals, a girl must have earned 500 points; requirements for a letter and bracelet are 1000 points and 1500 points, respectively. Since points are allowed to accumulate for three years, it is possible for a girl to obtain all three awards.

The G.A.A. member considered most outstanding by her classmates is named All-round Girl at the banquet. She is selected by secret ballot on the basis of how well she lives up to the group's standards of good sportsmanship, courtesy, a sense of fair play, and a keen understanding of her fellow men. Miss Anne Sweeney, girls' physical education instructor, is G.A.A. adviser.

MIDDIETTES

The twenty-six girl squad, composed of five seniors, eleven juniors and ten sophomores, a product of three tryouts conducted by Miss Sweeney last December, did all right for themselves, in winning 12 and dropping 3 tilts this year. In the "vital statistics" department, Jeanne Brandenburg holds the individual scoring record in one contest, with her 21 points against Dayton Fairmont, while Jo Davison, Janice James and Sharon Petry head the total scoring section with a grand total of 72, 69, and 54 tallies respectively. With all but 5 players back next year, and only one of these a starter on the regular varsity squad, Coach Anne Sweeney is looking for a top-notch season next year.

VARSITY RECORD

Middiettes	21	Germantown	4	Middiettes	36	West Carrollton	11
Middiettes	19	Trenton	26	Middiettes	32	Franklin	12
Middiettes	33	Dayton Oakwood	41	Middiettes	37	Dixon Township	19
Middiettes	33	Hamilton	29	Middiettes	18	Dayton Fairmont	11

JAY VEE RECORD

Middiettes	38	Germantown	3	Middiettes	33	Carlisle	10
Middiettes	20	Trenton	22	Middiettes	18	Franklin	16
Middiettes	35	Dayton Oakwood	30	Middiettes	44	Dixon Township	10
		Middiettes	40	Dayton Fairmont	34		

1st Row — Susan Rupp, Hazel Lattimore, Mae Busby, Jo Davison, Elaine Hohman, Jeanne Brandenburg, Lois Helsinger, Lynn Hayes, Linda Tieman.

2nd Row — Janie Bigby, Pauline Tibbs, Nancy Dunlap, Chris Bugitzedes, Donna Pearce, Sharon Petry, Janice James, Ellen Heil.

3rd Row — Jearlene Rogers, Margaret Turner, Carolyn Jones, Naomi Ratliff, Jean Boyd, Jean Thomas, Ruby Joslin, Elaine Burgher, Eloise Rogers.

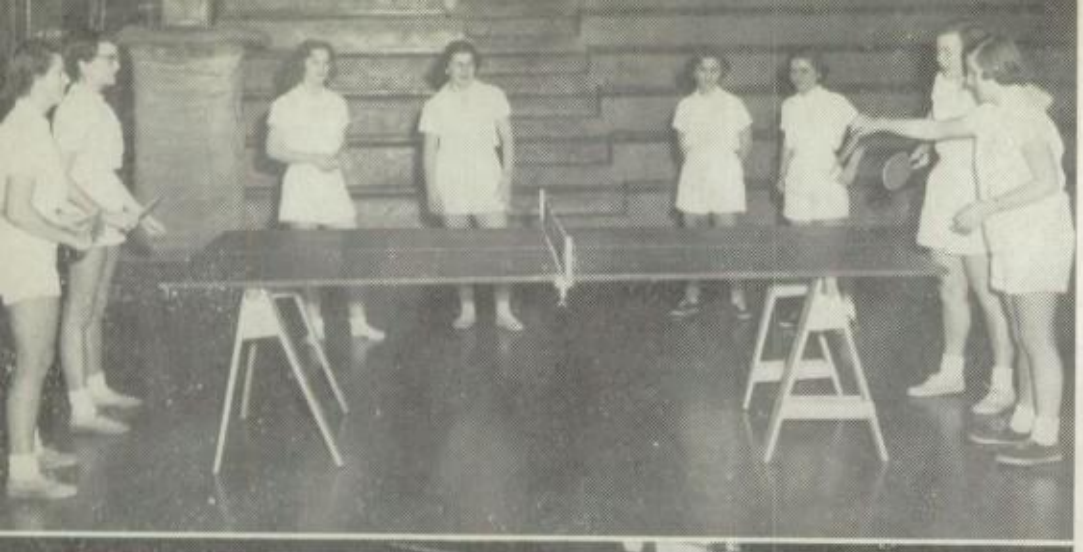


TABLE TENNIS

Joanne Brooks, Beverly Whiteted, Pauline LeForce, Ellen Heil, Mary Revelos, Martha Revelos, Gwynne Finkleman, Phyllis Barker.

Table tennis is enjoyed in gym class, where tournaments are run off. The winners in each class then indulge in a round-robin tourney to decide the sophomore, junior and senior champs. These three then battle it out for the top honors. Last year's champ was junior Gwynne Finkleman. This year's champ was crowned too late to make press-time.

TRAMPOLINE

Seat-drop — jacknife — back-drop — flip — these are a few of the many tricks being mastered by the local lasses on the trampoline. They indulge in gym classes and the more enthusiastic fans take an active part in the trampoline club after school, where they improve under the proficient training of Dorsie Blankenship and other helpful males.

Pauline LeForce, Joyce Forkner.

ARCHERY

It's William Tell — no, it's Robin Hood — no, it's just the local G. A. A. running off an archery tournament. Watch out, Dan Cupid, you have competition.

Martha Jane Revelos, Ruth Roess, Mary Lou Revelos.

RIDING

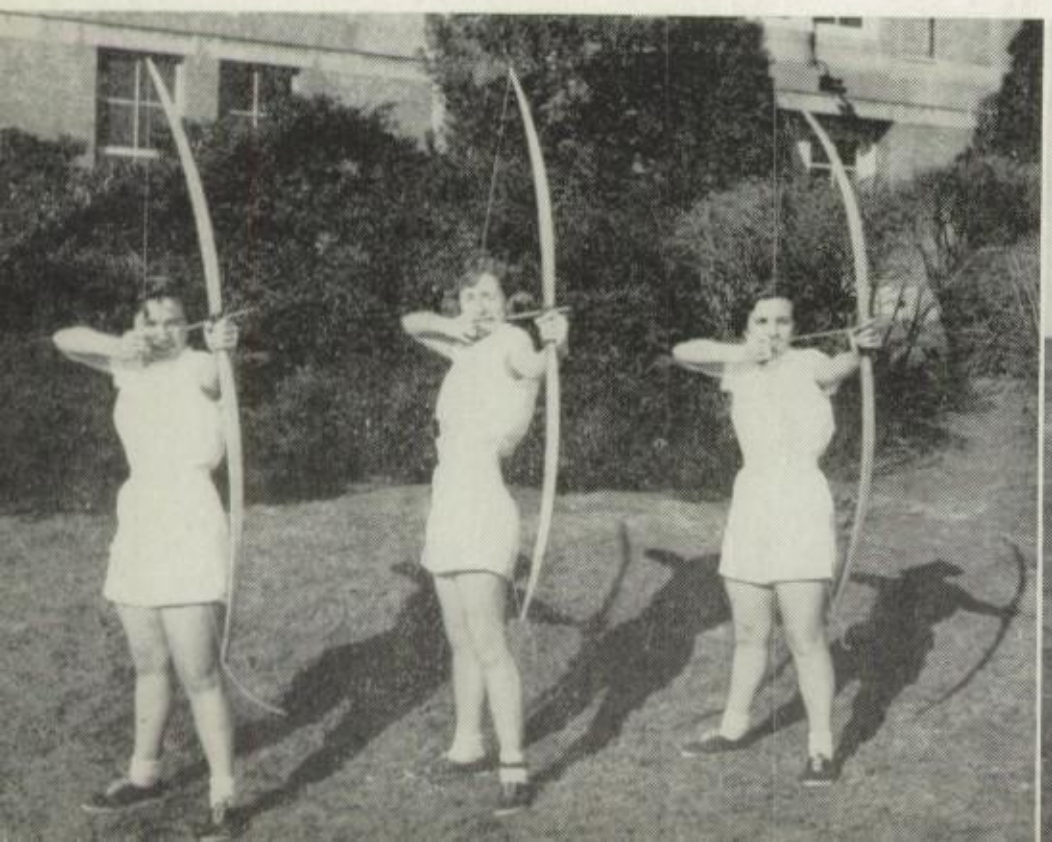
Horseback riding is a favorite pastime of many G.A.A. girls, whom you will see leaving Brown's Run Riding Stable after an enjoyable "bounce" into the great out-of-doors.

Janet Thomson.

HIKING

Anything to garner precious points toward their G.A.A. letter. Yes, the MHS femmes even tramp miles into the country on hikes, despite tender tootsies and wicked weather.

Joanne Brooks, Rita Halsey, Nancy Kilburn.



HIT PIN — Janet Thomson, Jeanne Sennet

VOLLEYBALL — Nancy Dunlap, Susan Bell, Gayle Whelan, Eileen Bishop, Barbara Graff, Carloyn Jones.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

Intramural volleyball was run off in tourneys held before and after school. The G.A.A. girls were divided into teams and leagues — the American League, the National League, and the Big Ten Conference. The *Athletics*, captained by Margaret Turner, copped the American League pennant, while Captain Ellen Heil and her *Pirates* took top honors in the National League. The *Wildcats* led by Captain Eileen Bishop not only won the Big Ten championship, but also bested the winners of the other leagues to take top honors in the intramural tourney.

BOWLING

Another very popular G.A.A. sport was bowling. Both the YMCA and the Bowl-Mor lanes were used by the first round group. The senior aggregation under the title of *Sweeny's Sweeties* copped the first round championship, under the captaincy of Marilyn Fitzgerald. Other members of the squad included LaWanda Mockbee, Joyce Loop, Jean Shaul, and Virginia Schwall.

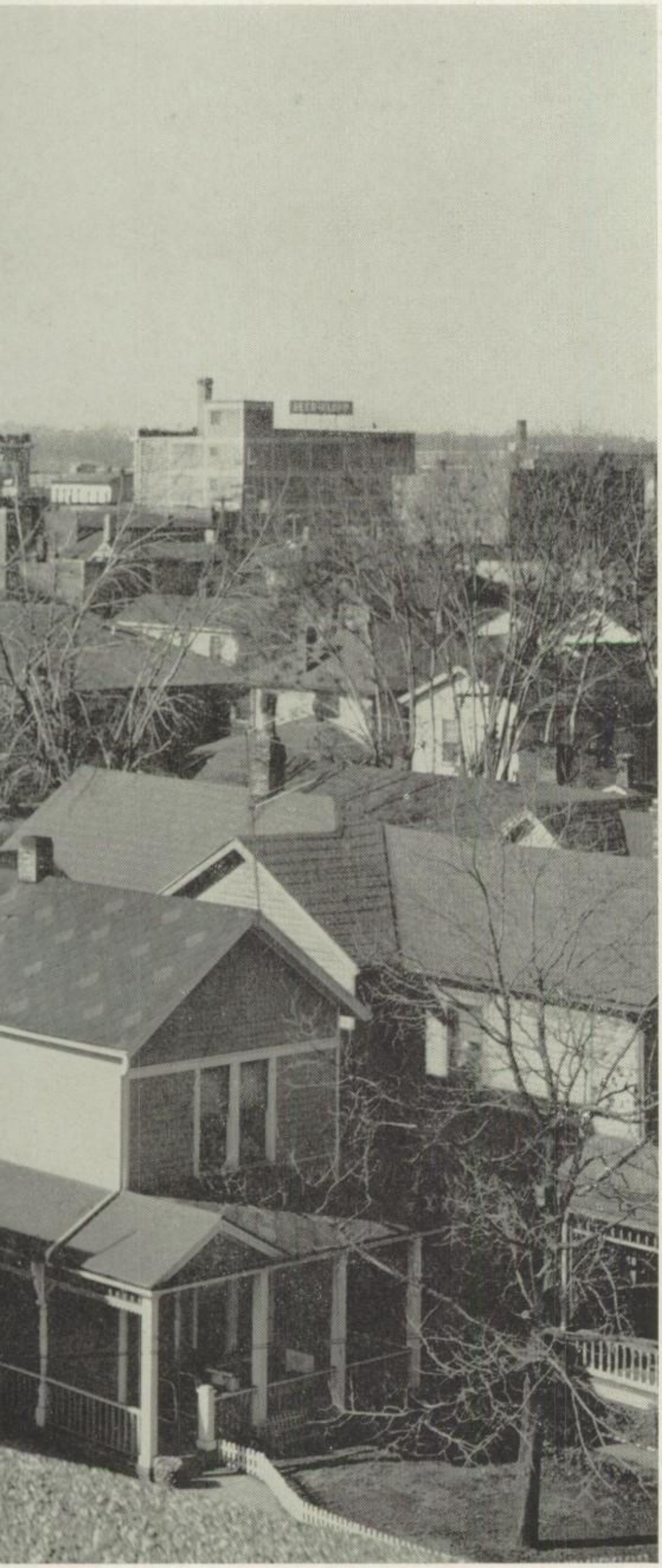
Marilyn Fitzgerald, LaWanda Mockbee, Jean Shaul.

VOLLEYBALL

The *All-Class* volleyball teams were picked by Miss Sweeney after tryouts were conducted in the early morning hours. The winners were the juniors, captained by Jeanne Brandenburg, who bettered the sophomores under the captaincy of Sharon Petry, then proceeded to polish off the poor, under-womaned, old women of the senior class, under the leadership of Jo Davison.

1st Row — Jeanne Sennet; Jeanne Brandenburg, captain; Marianne Asher; Ellen Heil; Lynn Hayes.

2nd Row — Nancy Dunlap, Elouise Rogers, Joan Frazier, Gayle Whelan, Elaine Hohman.



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"I suppose that many of the '53 class work there, too." Charles queried.

"As a matter of fact, they do," Bill grinned, "You'll recognize a large number of nurses and doctors.

"There are some in medics not affiliated with the hospital, though. Juanita Brewer and Keith Reynolds are both pharmacists downtown, and Middletown has a couple of top-notch psychologists—Phil Redding and Joyce Parr."

Chuck smiled. "And I expect there are a number of physicians, dentists and veterinarians, too, whom I know, aren't there?"

"Quite a few," replied Bill. "I'm sure you remember Tom Hanley, who's now a prosperous chiropractor. Myrtis Fores works as Charles Hawkins' dental assistant. Ed Doench is a veterinarian and we have a pediatrician, too, you know. He's Caroll Mathis."

Inside the lobby of the magnificent new hospital Rebecca Hawkins was busy at the switchboard, but she took time out to call the head nurse of the first floor, Pat McCandless. Pat welcomed them and left to find Doctor Lacy King, who was to take them through the building.

Doctors Mike Carter and Don Gill, '53 graduates, passed by and a small brigade of nurses coming off duty—Janet Bach, Barbara Emrick, Carol and Marjorie Wilkinson, and Shirley Duncan—stopped to say a few words to them.

"Hi, Fel, how are you?" greeted Lacy as he guided them down the hall. "We're surely proud of this new hospital. I'll try to show all the parts of it to you."

On the way to one of the laboratories Cleo Garofalos and Dorothy Potter passed. Chuck recognized their familiar faces under the starched caps.

At the end of the hall they entered the research room, where Bill and Jim Cassidy and Lois Helsinger, lab technicians, were busy. Soon the three advanced to the kitchen to confer with chief dietician, Shirley Mitchell.

Following a tour of the physical therapy department under the supervision of Ruthie Moorman, they made their way to the offices of the various hospital doctors. Nurse Sandra Rathbun ushered them into Gerald Ragland's office where they had a short chat with Gerry, and soon they were talking with Arzell Fores and Gaye Doster, doctor and nurse, respectively. As they continued their tour, they met Sheila Rogers on her way to Dr. Jack Rhodes' office.

Back in the lobby once more they met another group of white-gowned members of the '53 class of MHS—Nancy Miller, Virginia Schwall, Diana Hall, Liz Jack, and Jeanette Cundiff.

"Lots of the old gang turned up here," Chuck remarked.

"You missed a few of them who are nurses though," commented Bill. "Linette Crauder, Ruth Downey, Barbara Igo, Jo Ann Smith, and Mary Evelyn Watson just went off duty."

An ambulance turning into the drive caught Bill's attention. "That's from Charles Arnold's Funeral Home," he said, pointing at the silver lettering on the door.

"And, Fel, I'll have to tell you about Jim Bailey's Department Store of Tomorrow while we're waiting for Buddy. There is one entire floor devoted to fashion design. In fact, this afternoon, Pat Nixon, Fashion Consultant, is putting on a preview of the latest styles. She's been working busily for the last two weeks with her designers, Amanda Baker, Kathleen Keller, and the head seamstress, Daisy East. They've even contracted Liddy Harpring, famous New York model, for this showing. She's being flown in on Dick LeForce's chartered plane. Barbara Scott and Joanna Hershner are hostesses for his commercial line. Kay Adams, Clarence McAtee and Anita Stacey, commercial artists, handle the publicity. As an added feature, Lowell Barnhart is giving a lecture on *Interior Decorating—The Modern Way*.

"That's not all, either; there's also a modern beauty salon on that floor, run by Barbara Hackney and Mary Moore. Ruthie McKeller used to work there, too, but she owns her own business now.

"On the first floor the shoe department is managed by Jack Alderton. Tom Green is his head salesman. Only the other day, Jack was telling me that Patty Hollon, MHS commercial instructor, brought her classes down to the store to consult with the retail buyers, Patsy Bieller and Gay Rentschler.

"This new store has been rapidly expanding. Jim Cahill, accountant, told me that Pat McConaughey, personnel manager, had to hire seven new secretaries. Maybe you remember them; they're all from Middletown—Gloria Ozvath, Pat McQuinn, Kathleen Sullivan, Janice Steed, Mildred Wright, Alma Wright, and Wanda Woodrey.

"Jim Reichelderfer has just been made general manager of the store by Mr. Bailey. He's assisted by Jim Polleys and Bruce Schmacker."

"Middletown businesses are certainly employing our graduates," commented Dr. Feledy. "I'd really enjoy riding through town. Maybe you could point out some other establishments run by our 'lucky' classmates."

By that time Buddy had arrived with the car. They started down Central Avenue to the metropolitan section of town and then stopped in front of a huge bank.

Bill explained as they started inside, "Quite a few lawyers you know have their offices in this building. While I talk to Van Sauter and Gerald Cottingim, the top directors of the bank, you might go up and see a few of them."

Dr. Feledy scanned the directory of each floor. He decided to see his old friend, David Young. Betty Newkirk and Barbara McFeeters, David's secretaries, greeted him with smiles. After having a pleasant conversation with David, he looked up Charles Denny, Charles Stiles, Don Staggs, Frank Williams, and Jack Faulkner, all successful lawyers.

"Chuck, remember All-Sports?" said Bill, as he met Charles in the lobby. "Dick List owns it now. Cliff Hafer is head of the sales department."

"Say, isn't that Gene Dougherty over there?"

"Yes, he owns an insurance agency now. Loretta Helton and Pat Hollenbaugh work for him.

"That big super-market is one of a chain of stores owned by Tom Youstler. Barbara Cooper works there as head cashier.

"Over there's Office Outfitters," Bill went on. "Phyllis Blevins owns it now. A lot of our friends work there. Glenda Ramsey is salesmanager and Julia Pringle and Betty Mays do the accounting. They also employ three secretaries that you might know—Shirley Womack, Ruthie Paugh, and Veda Haven."

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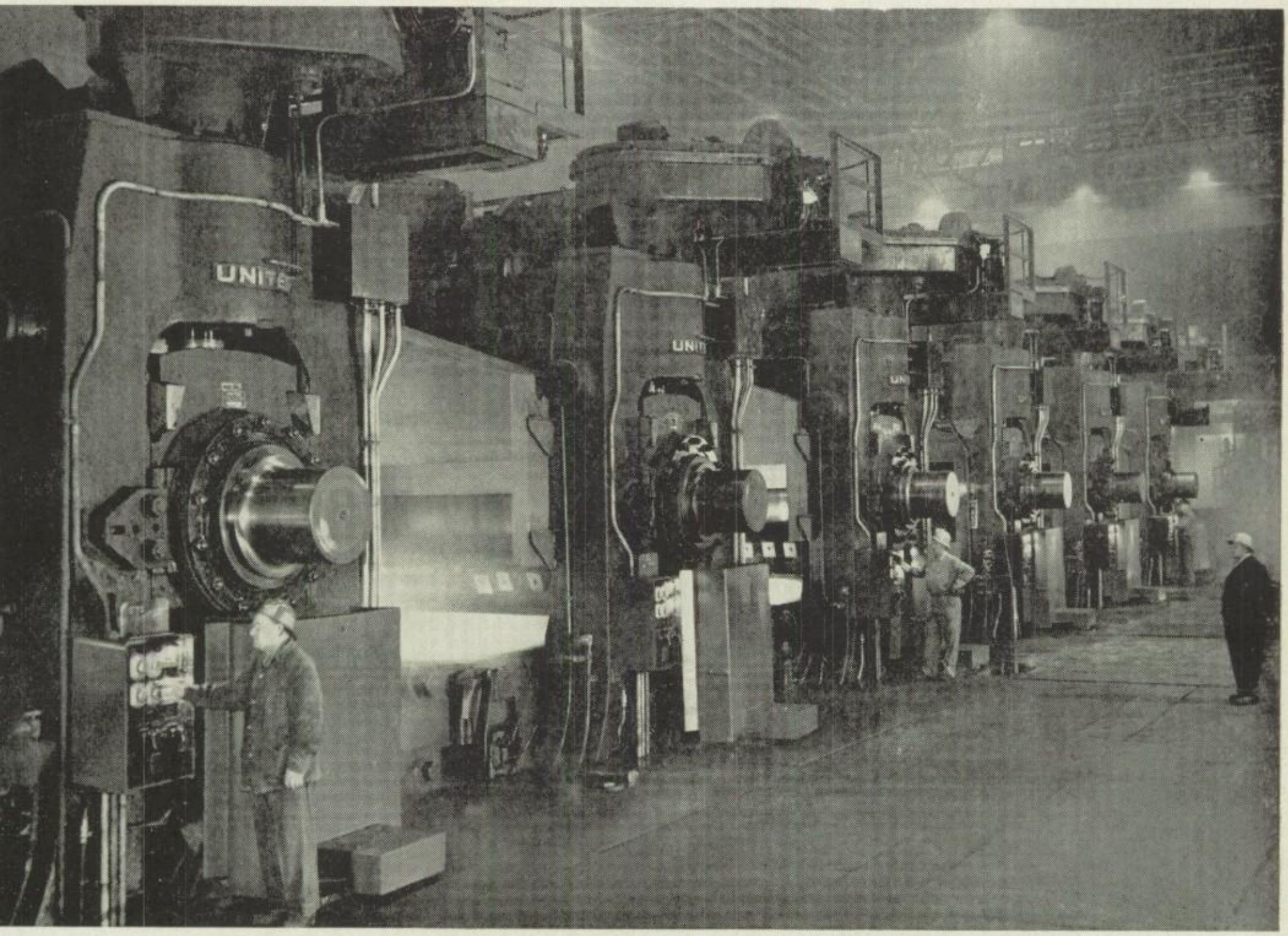

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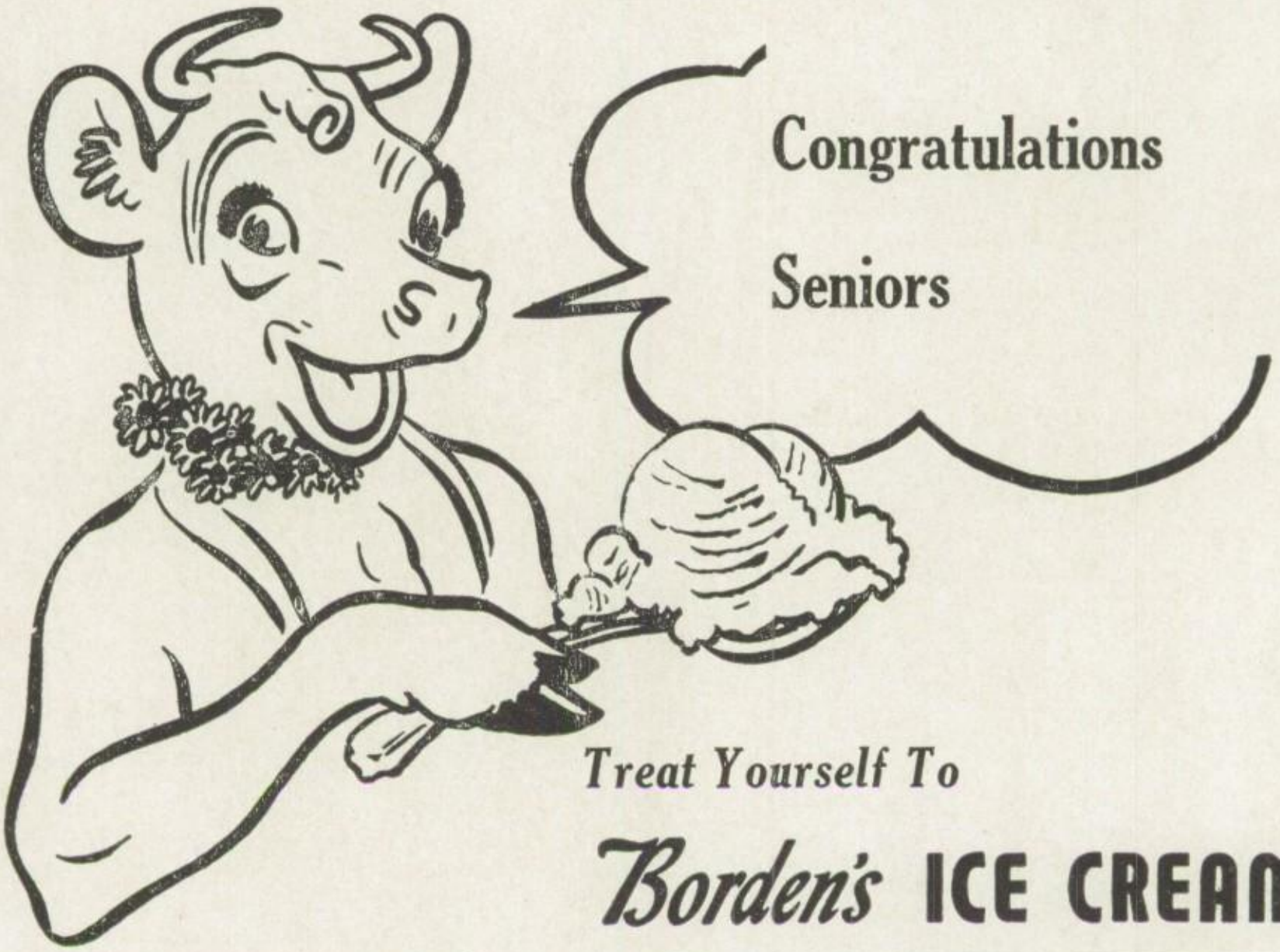

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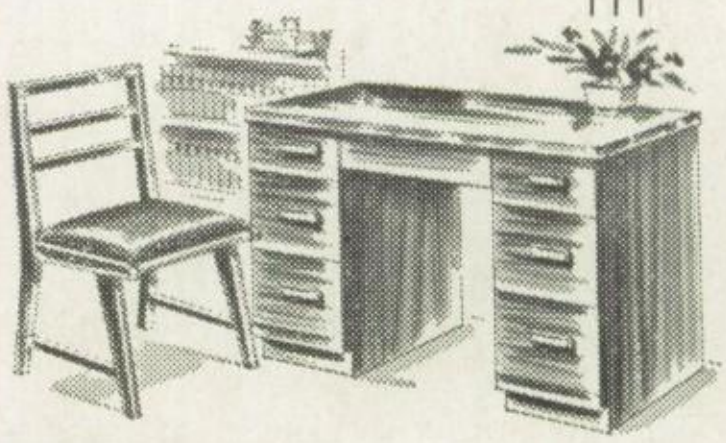

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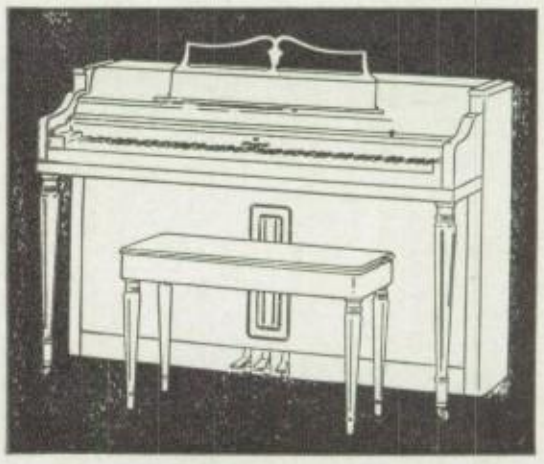

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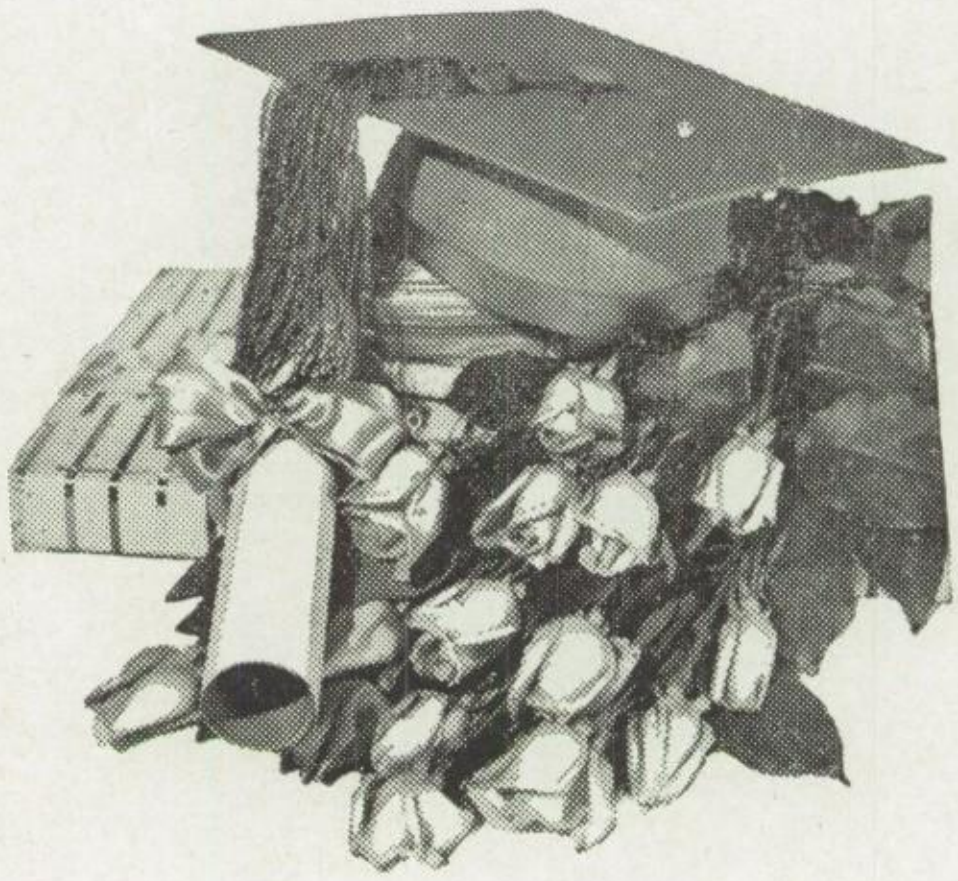

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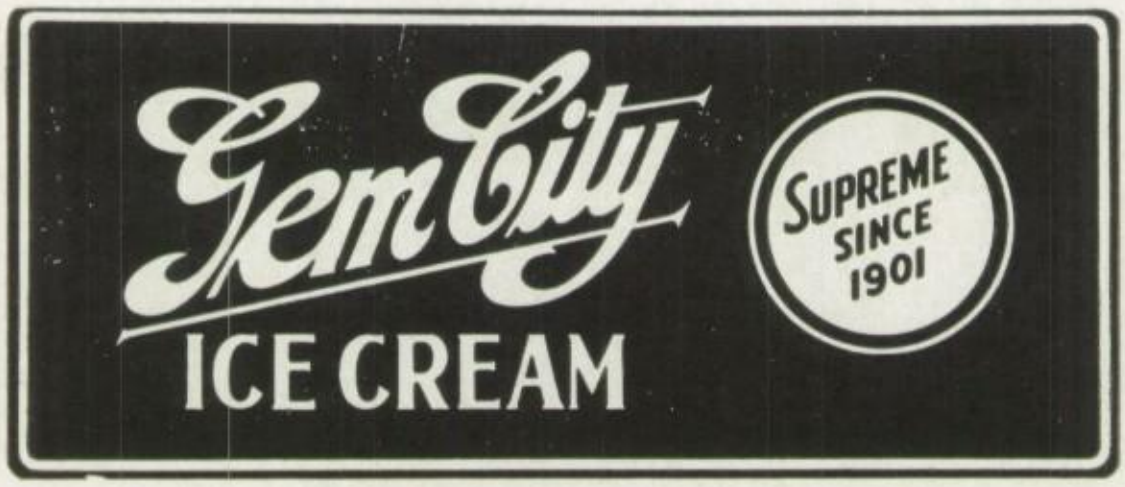

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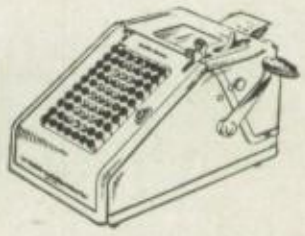

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"Now for a highlight of our trip, we've arranged to have you visit the Middletown Classroom Teacher's Association which has a meeting today."

They stopped in front of their destination, walked up the familiar steps and entered the lobby.

After a quick glance into Principal Ben Weaver's headquarters, they were directed by the office girls, Frances Gross and LaVonne Howard, to the auditorium where Carolyn Cribbs, president of the Association, was about to open the session. Following a short business meeting in which Jo Brooks, the secretary, reported that Carol Bauer and Pat Tinley would head the committee to investigate progress in the elementary schools, Dorsie Blankenship, athletic director, and Jo Davison, girls' athletic instructor, described the local sports events for the forth-coming year.

"Margaret Coffman is head of the math department now," Bill informed Chuck. "Florence Thress instructs speech students and Bea Getz teaches music."

"Are there any of our graduates at the other schools?"

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"It's almost time for me to leave you now, Chuck, I'll pick you up for the picnic. There are some more of your classmates that you'll see that have become famous, each in his own field. Dick Hunter is a successful prize fighter and Amos DeWitt is known for his daring tricks on his motorcycle. Ritva Ratia has been appointed to the U.N. delegation. Janet Thomson is teaching art at the Art Institute in Cincinnati and Marjorie Hawkins is teaching school down there. Susan Rupp is giving tennis clinics along with her regular teaching in Detroit."

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